



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gestures as he delivers a speech at the Knesset, Israel's parliament in Jerusalem, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. Israel's parliament voted to dissolve itself and hold early parliamentary elections. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

AP: Israel's Parliament Is Dissolved

ARON HELLER
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel officially opened its election season on Monday as parliament dissolved itself and scheduled a vote for January, plunging the country into a vicious, three-month political campaign. Israeli leaders launched harsh attacks on one another during a long parliamentary debate that preceded the vote to dissolve parliament that passed late unanimously late Monday night, setting the parameters for what is likely to follow in the campaign. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu boasted of his achievements, while the opposition heckled and insulted him mercilessly. Netanyahu announced last week that he was calling early elections, months ahead of schedule.

Continued on Page 2



Billy Koske, left, and Jose Reyes look at signs hanging in the media filing center before Tuesday's presidential debate between President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

Debate Night Obama needs reset; Romney seeks repeat

STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama vows to put up a fight Tuesday in his second debate with Republican challenger Mitt Romney, a promise the president will need to keep if he is to overcome his lackluster, momentum-stalling performance in the candidates' first debate two weeks ago. Romney will likewise need to turn in a repeat of his strong showing in the initial face-to-face-competition, a performance which propelled him into a virtual tie in nationwide polling. Obama still hangs on to small leads in many of the nine key swing states that likely will

determine which man occupies the White House on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20. The so-called battleground states — those that do not reliably vote either Republican or Democratic — take on outsized importance in the U.S. system where the president is chosen not by the nationwide popular vote but in state-by-state contests. The Tuesday debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, falls exactly three weeks before Election Day in what promises to be one of the closest presidential contests in recent U.S. history. The Nov. 6 vote takes place against a backdrop of deep partisan divisions among Ameri-

cans and near political deadlock in Congress. The president's first act in this critical campaign week was to announce a new battleground state advertisement featuring voters discussing the ways their economic conditions have improved during his term. The ad was hitting the airwaves as Obama and Romney remained closeted with advisers in debate preparation. The ad signaled Obama's intention to try to turn the tables on Romney by focusing in part on the economy during Tuesday's town hall-style meeting in which independent voters will pose questions to the candidates. The economy is

the No. 1 issue for voters in this election, and one the Romney camp has long considered a weak point for the incumbent. But after a dismal stretch where the unemployment rate has remained above 8 percent across Obama's term, the number fell to 7.8 percent in the latest report for September. That is coupled with an improving housing market, increasing consumer confidence and growing numbers of Americans who tell polling organizations that they believe the United States is headed in the right direction.

Continued on Page 4

CALL DIRECT FOR DISCOUNT 586-2010 www.arubaadventures.com	Mi Dushi SAILING SNORKELING LUNCH OR SNACKS COMPLIMENTARY BAR TOTALLY ALL-INCLUSIVE!!!	MI DUSHI SUMMER SPECIAL KIDS GO FREE!!! <small>1 Child per full paying adult Cannot be combined with other discounts Must mention at time of booking - Direct reservations only</small>
KUKOO KUNUKU \$15 OFF PER COUPLE DIRECT RESERVATIONS ONLY <small>Dinner & Bar Hopping \$15 OFF p/c - Pub Crawl \$10 OFF p/c Cannot be combined with other discounts Must mention at time of booking - Direct reservations only</small>	Kukoo Kunuku  Ayy Parranda! Dinner under the stars then go native as we take you to our secret watering holes Absolutely Fun Go Kukoo!!	CALL DIRECT FOR DISCOUNT 586-2010 www.arubaadventures.com

Israeli parliament dissolves for early elections

Continued from front

The immediate reason for the vote is his coalition government's inability to pass a budget by a Dec. 31 deadline. With the economy slowing, the government would have been forced to make steep cutbacks unpopular with voters. But after leading a remarkably stable coalition for nearly four years, Netanyahu also appears to have sensed that the time is ripe to win a new term. Netanyahu's Likud Party is leading in most opinion polls, and his opponents remain divided and disorganized. Parliament approved Netanyahu's proposal for elections on Jan. 22. Elections had been scheduled for October 2013. Yet Netanyahu still faces some areas of vulnerability, including the uncertain economic situation, a failure

to advance peace efforts with the Palestinians and his rocky relations with U.S. President Barack Obama. In an address to parliament ahead of Monday's vote, Netanyahu boasted of a series of accomplishments under his leadership. He emphasized that Israel's economy grew while most other countries suffered setbacks, took credit for the relative decline in Palestinian attacks against Israelis, and said he put Iran's nuclear program on the global agenda to the point where the country was now under crippling economic sanctions. "In less than 100 days the people of Israel will determine who will lead it," Netanyahu said. "Who will lead it against the biggest security challenges we have known since the state was founded, who will lead it against the worst financial



Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends a Knesset session in Jerusalem, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. Israel's parliament voted to dissolve itself and hold early parliamentary elections. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

crisis the world has known in the past 80 years." "All those who belittle the threat of a nuclear Iran are not worthy of leading Israel even one day," he added. Netanyahu was repeatedly interrupted by shouts and boos by opposition law-

makers.

In a separate speech, opposition leader Shaul Mofaz countered with a blistering attack Netanyahu's shortcomings. He said that by doing nothing on peace with the Palestinians and continuing settlement building in the West Bank, Netanyahu was making the areas inseparable and bringing Israel ever closer to being a binational state evenly divided between Jews and Arabs. Without the West Bank, Jews make up a 75 percent majority of Israel. The Palestinians claim all of the West Bank, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, as part of a future state. They say continued Jewish settlement in the territory make it impossible to partition the land into two states. Throughout Netanyahu's term, the Palestinians have refused to negotiate, saying settlement construction must first be halted. The international community has nearly universally con-

demned the settlements. Mofaz also blasted Netanyahu for undermining Israel's relations with the United States through repeated quibbles with Obama, leaving the widespread impression that he is supporting Republican challenger Mitt Romney in the upcoming U.S. elections. "Where is your responsibility to Israel's fate with its greatest and almost only ally, the United States? Why are you aggressively interfering in the democratic elections in the United States? Why? What need was there to do that?" Mofaz asked, as Netanyahu listened impassively. Opinion polls have forecast that the Likud would win roughly 29 seats in the 120-member parliament, making it the largest single party and putting Netanyahu in position to form a new coalition government. The polls predict the nationalist and religious parties that dominate his current coalition will likely control a majority of seats in the next parliament as well. Netanyahu could be vulnerable if the focus of the campaign veers from diplomatic issues to social ones. The government has come under fire for the growing gap between rich and poor. The dovish Labor Party has seen its support grow after mass social protests against the country's high cost of living drew hundreds of thousands to the streets in the summer of 2011. Labor leader Shelly Yachimovich tends to favor a strong government safety net and is running a campaign primarily on jobs and the economy. □

Paul becomes major hurricane in Pacific off Mexico; Rafael churns

IGNACIO MARTINEZ

Associated Press

LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP)

— Hurricane Paul rapidly strengthened into a major Category 3 storm in the Pacific Ocean off Mexico on Monday, prompting a hurricane warning for a swath of Baja California's western coast.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Paul's maximum sustained winds had ratcheted up to 120 mph (195 kph) as of 5 p.m. EDT Monday. Paul was centered about 415 miles (670 kilometers) southwest of

the tip of the Baja peninsula and moving north-northeast at 13 mph (20 kph). Forecasters said Paul was expected to approach the western coast of the southern Baja peninsula by late Tuesday and be near or over the central Baja peninsula on Wednesday. The hurricane was expected to begin weakening Tuesday, the hurricane center said. In the Atlantic, meanwhile, Rafael reached hurricane strength late Monday in the Atlantic Ocean south of Bermuda. The hurricane center said

Rafael's top sustained winds had risen to near 75 mph (120 kph), making it the ninth hurricane of the Atlantic season.

Rafael is centered about 560 miles (905 kilometers) south of Bermuda. It is moving north at 10 mph (17 kph) and forecast to pass near or to the east of Bermuda by late Tuesday. Paul is on track to bypass the heavily populated tourist areas in Los Cabos, at the tip of the peninsula, and the capital, La Paz, on the eastern Gulf of California. □

J.H. YEE'S
 珍味 Asian Bistro

LUNCH SPECIALS starting at \$14.95
 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$14.95
 HOUSE SPECIAL \$16.95
 SUSHI BAR (lunch and dinner)

Located at South Beach Centre | Palm Beach 55, Aruba | Tel: 586 3888 | Fax: 586 8883

White House mulls how to strike over Libya attack

KIMBERLY DOZIER
RUKMINI CALLIMACHI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has put special operations strike forces on standby and moved drones into the skies above Africa, ready to strike militant targets from Libya to Mali — if investigators can find the al-Qaida-linked group responsible for the death of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in Libya.

But officials say the administration, with weeks until the presidential election, is weighing whether the short-term payoff of exacting retribution on al-Qaida is worth the risk that such strikes could elevate the group's profile in the region, alienate governments the U.S. needs to fight it in the future and do little to slow the growing terror threat in North Africa.

Details on the administration's position and on its search for a possible target were provided by three current and one former administration official, as well as an analyst who was approached by the White House for help. All four spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the high-level debates publicly.

The dilemma shows the tension of the White House's need to demonstrate it is responding forcefully to al-Qaida, balanced against its long-term plans to develop relationships and trust with local governments

and build a permanent U.S. counterterrorist network in the region.

Vice President Joe Biden pledged in his debate last week with Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan to find those responsible for the Sept. 11 at-

to the gates of hell if need be."

The White House declined to comment on the debate over how best to respond to the Benghazi attack.

The attack has become an issue in the U.S. election season, with Republicans



Libyan military guards check one of the burnt out buildings at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, during a visit by Libyan President Mohammed el-Megarif to express sympathy for the death of American ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and his colleagues in the Sept. 11, 2012 attack on the consulate. The White House has put special operations strike forces on standby and moved drones into the skies above Africa, ready to strike militant targets from Libya to Mali — if investigators can find the al-Qaida-linked group responsible for the attack. (AP Photo/Mohammad Hannon)

tack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three others.

"We will find and bring to justice the men who did this," Biden said in response to a question about whether intelligence failures led to lax security around Stevens and the consulate. Referring back to the raid that killed Osama bin Laden last year, Biden said American counterterror policy should be, "if you do harm to America, we will track you

accusing the Obama administration of being slow to label the assault an act of terrorism early on, and slow to strike back at those responsible.

"They are aiming for a small pop, a flash in the pan, so as to be able to say, 'Hey, we're doing something about it,'" said retired Air Force Lt. Col.

Rudy Attalah, the former Africa counterterrorism director for the Department of Defense under President George W. Bush.

Attalah noted that in 1998, after the embassy bombing in Nairobi, the Clinton administration fired cruise missiles to take out a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan that may have been producing chemical weapons for al-Qaida.

"It was a way to say, 'Look, we did something,'" he said.

A Washington-based analyst with extensive experience in Africa said that administration officials have approached him asking for help in connecting the dots to Mali, whose northern half fell to al-Qaida-linked rebels this spring. They wanted to know if he could suggest potential targets, which he says he was not able to do.

"The civilian side is looking into doing something, and is running into a lot of pushback from the military side," the analyst said. "The resistance that is coming from the military side is because the military has both worked in the region and trained in the region. So they are more realistic."

Islamists in the region are preparing for a reaction from the U.S.

"If America hits us, I promise you that we will multiply the Sept. 11 attack by 10," said Oumar Ould Hamaha, a spokesman for the Islamists in northern Mali, while denying that his group or al-Qaida fighters based in Mali played a role in the Benghazi attack.

Finding the militants who overwhelmed a small security force at the consulate isn't going to be easy.

The key suspects are members of the Libyan militia group Ansar al-Shariah. The group has denied responsibility, but eyewitnesses saw Ansar fighters at the consulate, and U.S. intelligence intercepted phone calls after the attack from Ansar fighters to leaders of al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM, bragging about it. The affiliate's leaders are known to be mostly in northern Mali, where they have seized a territory as large as Texas following a coup in the country's capital.

But U.S. investigators have only loosely linked "one or two names" to the attack, and they lack proof that it was planned ahead of time, or that the local fighters had any help from the larger al-Qaida affiliate, officials say.

If that proof is found, the White House must decide whether to ask Libyan security forces to arrest the suspects with an eye to extraditing them to the U.S. for trial, or to simply target the suspects with U.S. covert action.

U.S. officials say covert action is more likely. The FBI couldn't gain access to the consulate until weeks after the attack, so it is unlikely it will be able to build a strong criminal case.

The U.S. is also leery of trusting the arrest and questioning of the suspects to the fledgling Libyan security forces and legal system still building after the overthrow of Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. □

Serve your OWN draft BEER!!!



DUSHI BAGELS AND BURGERS & BURGERS
presents
First Oktoberfest Beer Festival

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, FROM 5.00 PM
AT PLAYA LINDA BEACH RESORT'S FRONT TERRACE

★ **Heineken \$2 ALL NIGHT LONG**

The Oktober Burger 🍷
Barbarian Roast Beef 🍷
Apple Strudel 🍷

More Food Specials, Raffles and Fun!
MUSIC BY NutzBeatz
Powered by S.A.L.S.A

Obama needs reset; Romney seeks repeat

Continued from front

While the Obama campaign acknowledges there is a good distance still to travel in the recovery from the Great Recession and near financial meltdown in the final months of the George W. Bush presidency, the president now has some positive economic news with which to counter Romney's insistence that he is the stronger candidate, given his long history in the world of private equity. With early voting already under way in dozens of states, including such battlegrounds as Ohio and Iowa, the candidates will have little time to recover from any missteps. Through Monday, either absentee or in-person early voting had begun in 43 of the 50 states.

Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan spoke for Romney on Monday, lambasting Obama's failure to deal with the growing federal budget deficit during an appearance in his home state of Wisconsin. He pointed to a digital scoreboard that tracked the growth of the nation's debt in real-time. "Look at how fast those numbers are running," Ryan said. "We know without a shred of doubt that we have consigned the next generation to this path of debt." He touted Romney's plan to cut federal income tax rates by 20 percent across the board as the path back to economic growth. Obama contends such a deep reduction in the rate will benefit America's wealthy and harm the middle class by shredding social safety net programs.

The president and a team of advisers were preparing for the second confrontation with an intense, three-day "debate camp" at a golf resort in Virginia. Romney, who places a huge priority on the debates, was

Romney was looking hard to bring on board undecided voters by claiming his tax policy would not benefit the wealthy, promising to retain more popular provisions of Obama's health care reform that he

vides poor and low income Americans with health care and other benefits. They want to turn Medicare into a voucher system for Americans now 10 or more years away from retirement age and turn the Medicaid



Hofstra Public Safety officer Ronald Nardo watches as stand-ins for Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, rear left, and President Barack Obama, right, run through a rehearsal ahead of Tuesday's presidential debate, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

practicing Monday near his home in Massachusetts. "The debate was huge and we've seen our numbers move all across the country," Romney's wife, Ann, said in an interview on Philadelphia radio station WPHT. She talked about the larger crowds her husband has been drawing in the aftermath of that first face-off. "That's what you call momentum," she said. In the first debate, Obama seemed caught unawares and unprepared to respond to Romney's sudden shift to more moderate positions from the hard-line policies he had advocated during the fight for the Republican nomination. In the Oct. 3 debate,

has vowed to repeal, and emphasizing his bipartisan work with Democrats as Massachusetts governor. In a new Web video released Monday, the Obama campaign said Romney had not undergone an October conversion to more middle-of-the-road positions but was trying "to pull the wool over voters' eyes before Election Day." Romney likely will face stiff questioning from the town hall audience on his plans to cut social programs and so-called entitlements. He and Ryan have taken special aim at Medicare, the health insurance program for Americans over age 65, and Medicaid, which pro-

program over to the states, most of which already are struggling to balance their budgets as a result of the recession. The candidates will engage in a final debate next Monday where the emphasis will be on U.S. foreign policy, an issue where polls show Obama maintains a comfortable lead, especially after the raid that killed Osama bin Laden and devastating drone attacks on al-Qaida's leadership in Pakistan. Romney has countered by criticizing the Obama administration's response to the Sept. 11 attack that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three other Americans at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi. □



First lady Michelle Obama speaks as she campaigns for her husband, President Barack Obama, at a rally at Cuyahoga Community College Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, in Cleveland. Authorities say two motorcycles collided while escorting first lady Michelle Obama from a campaign stop in central Ohio, injuring a police officer and a state trooper.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

2 motorcycles leading Michelle Obama collide

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say two motorcycles have collided while escorting first lady Michelle Obama from a campaign stop in central Ohio, injuring a police officer and a state trooper. The State Highway Patrol says the motorcycles somehow side-swiped each other late Monday afternoon east of Delaware as the motorcade headed to an airport. A state trooper and a Genoa Township police officer were hurt in the crash. They were hospitalized in Columbus in stable condition. The patrol says the police officer's injuries were more serious than the trooper's but were not life-threatening. Mrs. Obama wasn't hurt, and her motorcade continued on its route. She had campaigned at nearby Ohio Wesleyan University and was headed to Cleveland for another event. No other vehicles were involved in the crash. □

(AP Photo/David Goldman)

Police release 21 names in Maine Zumba sex case

By CLARKE CANFIELD

Associated Press

KENNEBUNK, Maine (AP) —

Police on Monday released the first round of names of more than 100 men they say paid for sex with a Zumba instructor who's charged with turning her dance studio into a brothel in this seaside community. The release of 21 names followed 11th-hour legal wrangling, and some residents watched the news flash on their local evening TV news. Kim Ackley, a local real estate agent, said that disclosure of the names of the people accused of being prostitution clients will cause temporary pain for families but it's only fair because others who are accused of embarrassing crimes don't get breaks.

"What's fair for one has to be fair for the other," said Ackley, who knows several people on the list. "The

door can't swing just one way."

Residents had been anxiously awaiting the release of names for weeks since 29-year-old Alexis Wright was charged with engaging in prostitution in her dance studio and in an office she rented across the street. Wright, from nearby Wells, has pleaded not guilty to 106 counts of prostitution, invasion of privacy and other charges. Her business partner faces 59 misdemeanor counts.

Police said more than 150 people are suspected of being clients and many of them were videotaped without their knowledge.

In town, residents heard the list could include lawyers, law enforcement officers and well-known people, heightening their curiosity.

The prostitution charges and ensuing publicity, which reached across

the country and beyond, came as a shock in the small town, which is well-known for its ocean beaches, old sea captains' man-



Alexis Wright, 29, turns towards her attorney Sarah Churchill, left, during her arraignment in Portland, Maine on 109 counts of prostitution, violation of privacy, tax evasion and other charges for allegedly providing sex for money at her Kennebunk fitness studio and office. Police on Monday released the first round of names of more than 100 men they say paid for sex with Zumba instructor Alexis Wright who's charged with turning her dance studio into a brothel in this seaside community.

(AP Photo/Joel Page)

sions and the neighboring town of Kennebunkport, home to the Bush family's Walker's Point summer

compound.

The list of names was delayed Friday by legal action by an attorney representing two of the people ac-

if they're ultimately acquitted of the misdemeanor charges against them.

Superior Court Justice Thomas Warren on Monday denied a motion seeking to block disclosure of the names. But he ordered that addresses should be withheld for those people who were victims of invasion of privacy when their acts were recorded. The Associated Press was reaching out Monday evening to men on the list.

Some people in town said they had their suspicions about Wright, but others were in the dark about the life of the bubbly dance instructor who introduced many local women to the Latin-flavored dance and fitness program.

Ackley's daughter, Alison Ackley, who participated in Wright's class four or five times, said she had no inkling of any illegal activity.

"She was so young," Alison Ackley said. "She had a lot going for her. It's a shame she was hanging out with these older men and getting money from them."

She said she believes the interest will die down once all the names become public in the coming weeks.

"These guys have got to pay the price," she said. "It will all blow over in time, you know."

Trial opens for Somali charged in death of stepson

CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

BUFFALO, New York (AP) —

A Somali woman covered her face and slumped forward, sobbing, as she testified about the last time she saw her 10-year-old son before his body was found gagged and beaten in the basement of their home. Her husband, the boy's stepfather, went on trial Monday for murder.

"He told me, 'Bye, Mom,'" Shukri Bile said through tears after walking prosecutor Thomas Finnerty through her final hour with her son, Abdifatah Mohamud. She last saw him on the afternoon of April 17, when she went by his bedroom to say goodbye on her way out to her cleaning job at an office building in downtown Buffalo, on the border with Canada.

That evening, Ali-Mohamed Mohamud stabbed the child known as Abdi with a kitchen knife, gagged him with a sock, duct-taped his mouth shut, bound his hands with an electrical cord and beat him nearly 70 times with a wooden

rolling pin, at one point stopping to switch out socks because the boy had vomited, Assistant District Attorney John Feroletto said during opening statements in Mohamud's second-degree murder trial.

"Abdi ran away, I'm leaving," Mohamud told Bile when she returned from work late that night, the prosecutor said. Police

responding to the mother's report of a missing child found him on the floor of the blood-spattered basement.

The child's ribs were broken, his lungs and kidneys damaged and his fractured skull had been struck with enough force to separate it from the spinal column, Feroletto said.

Mohamud, who also is a

native of Somalia, was arrested a short time later at The Buffalo News, where he worked as a security guard. He confessed to police, the prosecutor said. Mohamud's attorney, Lana Tupchik, said Mohamud denies the accusations and urged jurors not to jump to conclusions.



Authentic Aruban Cuisine...



Valid only for October 2012
Bring this Coupon and you get this promotion
3 Course Local Menu
Appetizer, Entree and Dessert
Fish Soup or Salad
Ice Cream, Quesillo or Chocolate Cake
Choice include our specialties:
Aruban Combo, Cabrito Stoba,
Fisherman's Loot, Ribs, Gasparito Chicken.

Gasparito #3 • Noord, Aruba
Tel: (297) 586-7144 / 586-7044

Don't forget about our early bird special from 5:30 to 6:30

\$19.⁹⁵

p.p.

THE CINEMAS

thecinemas.aw

Valid till Oct 17

AT RENAISSANCE	AT PASEO HERENCIA
PITCH PERFECT daily: 5:30 8:15 matinee: 12:30 3:00 late show: 11:00 NEW PG-13	PITCH PERFECT daily: 5:30 8:15 matinee: 2:30 late show: 11:15 NEW PG-13
FRANKENWEENIE daily: 4:45 7:00 matinee: 12:15 2:30 late show: 11:30 NEW PG	FRANKENWEENIE daily: 4:15 6:30 matinee: 2:00 late show: 11:30 NEW PG
HERE COMES THE BOOM daily: 4:00 6:30 9:00 matinee: 1:15 late show: 11:30 NEW PG-13	HERE COMES THE BOOM daily: 5:00 7:30 8:45 matinee: 2:15 late show: 11:30 NEW PG-13
SINISTER STARTS FRIDAY OCTOBER 12 daily: 5:45 8:30 matinee: 12:45 3:15 late show: 11:15 NEW R	SINISTER STARTS FRIDAY OCTOBER 12 daily: 6:00 8:45 matinee: 3:00 late show: 11:30 NEW R
TAKEN 2 daily: 5:00 7:15 9:30 matinee: 12:15 2:30 late show: 11:45 SP PG-13	TAKEN 2 daily: 5:30 7:45 10:00 matinee: 2:45 late show: 12:00 SP PG-13
LOOPER daily: 9:15 matinee: 11:45 late show: 11:45 R	LOOPER daily: 9:30 matinee: 12:00 late show: 12:00 R
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA daily: 4:30 6:45 matinee: 12:00 2:15 late show: 11:30 SP PG	HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA daily: 5:00 7:15 matinee: 2:15 late show: 12:00 SP PG
THE PERK OF BEING A WALL-FLOWER daily: 9:00 matinee: 11:30 SP PG-13	HIT AND RUN daily: 9:45 matinee: 12:00 R

Matinee: sat - wed | Late show: fri & sat

NL = Nederlands ondertiteling | SP = subtítulos en Español

NOW SERVING BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

ALL YOU CAN
EAT PANCAKES
\$6.99



2 EGGS, TOAST

\$3.99



FREE COFFEE
UNLIMITED REFILLS WITH
ANY BREAKFAST ENTREE

OPEN DAILY - 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 ISH

LOCATED BEHIND SEÑOR FROGS, ACROSS FROM THE RADISSON HOTEL
Serving breakfast from 8:00 am til 12:00 noon

FREE DELIVERY OVER \$40

FOR HI AND LOW RISE HOTEL DISTRICT - INCLUDING THE BEACH!



5 Burgers Aruba



BURGERS HANDPRESSED / DAILY FRESH CUT FRIES!

TEL
5863604

Gitmo detainees behave at 9/11 hearing

BEN FOX
Associated Press
GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — There

were no rants this time, no ignoring the judge or getting out of their seats to pray — just one scornful remark from the professed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks as a weeklong pretrial hearing began for five Guantanamo Bay detainees.

It was a sharply different atmosphere as Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and his four co-defendants returned to court at the U.S. base in Cuba for the first time since their arraignment in May, when their concerted effort to disrupt the proceedings turned what was supposed to be a brief hearing into an unruly, 13-hour spectacle.

This time, the defendants sat quietly, cooperated with their attorneys and responded to the judge when asked. And they were awarded a small victory: The judge granted a defense request to allow the five men to skip the rest of this week's hearing if they choose, rather than risk being forced out of their cells and into the court by military guards.

Asked if he understood the implications of not attending court while hearings go on without him, Mohammed made his only statement of the day: "Yes, but I don't think there is any justice in this court."

The issue was only one of a handful to be resolved Monday in a weeklong

hearing on about two dozen motions before the formal trial, which is at least a year away. Most of the day was taken up by the debate over whether defendants must attend all proceedings under the rules of the special tribunals for

"Our clients may believe that ... I don't want to be subjected to this procedure that transports me here, brings up memories, brings up emotions of things that happened to me," said Jim Harrington, who represents Ramzi Binalshibh, accused

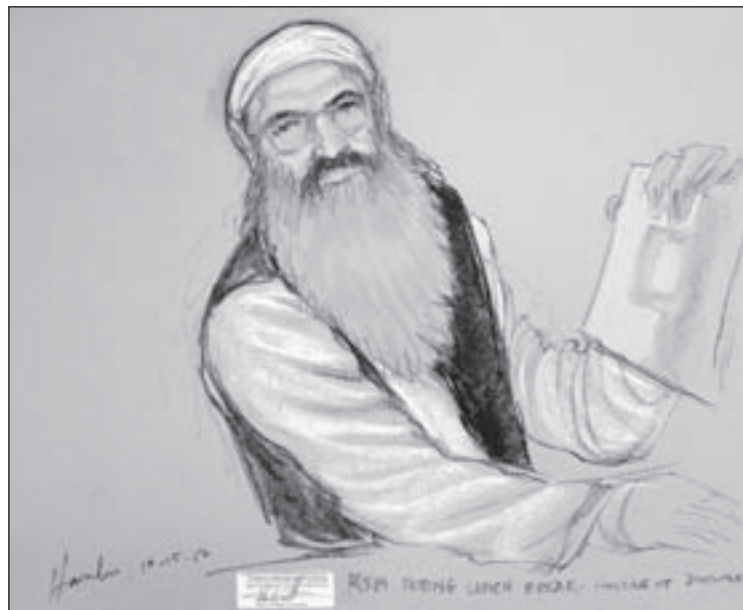
other families watched the proceedings on closed-circuit TV from U.S. military bases.

Prosecutors wanted the men to be required to attend court sessions. The judge, Army Col. James Pohl finally ruled that Mohammed and his codefendants would not be forced to attend the hearings. He said he may require them to attend future pretrial sessions and said they would have to be present for their trial.

His questioning of the defendants brought a rare light moment to what is considered of the most significant terrorism prosecutions in U.S. history.

The judge told each man that the trial would go on without them if they were to somehow escape from U.S. custody, drawing a smile of disbelief from Binalshibh. "I'm escaping from custody?" he said in English.

The same question prompted some sarcasm from Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, a Pakistani citizen accused of funneling money to the hijackers. "I'll make sure to leave some notes," he said in English. Mohammed, dressed in a white headdress and black vest, his bushy beard dyed a rusty orange with henna, sat serenely reading legal papers or following the procedures in a specially designed high-tech courtroom that allows the government to muffle sounds so spectators behind a glass wall cannot hear classified information. □



In this photo of a sketch by courtroom artist Janet Hamlin and reviewed by the U.S. Department of Defense, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed holds up a piece of paper during a court recess at his Military Commissions pretrial hearing in the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has portrayed himself as the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attacks, and four other co-defendants were back before a military tribunal, forgoing the protest that turned their last appearance into an unruly 13-hour spectacle.

(AP Photo/Janet Hamlin, Pool)

wartime offenses known as military commissions.

Lawyers for two of the defendants said the threat to forcibly remove them from their cells and bring them to court is traumatic for men who were subjected to harsh interrogations that they say amounted to torture while in CIA custody, before going to Guantanamo in September 2006.

of helping to provide support to the hijackers who crashed planes into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001. Harrington's statement elicited groans from a small group of family members of Sept. 11 victims who were chosen by lottery to come to Guantanamo to view the proceedings. A few

Suspect in UNH death says his life is "really good"

BRIDGET MURPHY
HOLLY RAMER

Associated Press
DOVER, N.H. (AP) — An actor and martial arts instructor accused of killing a female University of New Hampshire student last week was upbeat and described his life as "really good" three days after the woman's death, an acquaintance said Monday. Seth Mazzaglia, of Dover, was charged Saturday with second-degree murder in the death of 19-year-old Elizabeth "Lizzi" Marriott, who vanished a week ago and whose body has yet to be found. He is accused of strangling or suffocating her in his apartment Tuesday night; the search for the body has been focused on Peirce Island in nearby Portsmouth. Mazzaglia, 29, didn't speak during a brief arraignment via video feed Monday, and his court-appointed attorneys didn't object to the prosecutor's request that he be held without bail. But Craig Faulkner, who works at a theater company where Mazzaglia had auditioned, said he chatted with Mazzaglia for about 20 minutes on Friday while shopping at Best Buy in Newington. Mazzaglia, who was working in the store's video game section, told him: "Life is good," said Faulkner, producing artistic director at Seacoast Repertory Theatre in Portsmouth. □



Sawasdee Thai RESTAURANT

Palm Beach 186, next to Wendy's
Phone 586-8071 • info@sawasdee-aruba.com



Everything made fresh to order!

- **Steak** -
- **Seafood**
- **Curries**
- **Vegetarian**

Delicious Rice Table for two

Open Monday - Saturday from 5pm - 10:30pm • Sunday CLOSED!




ACLU sues Morgan Stanley over mortgage loans

JESSICA SILVER-GREENBERG
© 2012 New York Times

The American Civil Liberties Union is accusing Morgan Stanley of fueling the production of risky, expensive loans that targeted African-American borrowers. In the lawsuit filed on Monday, the ACLU claims that Morgan Stanley is culpable for predatory loans made through the New Century Financial Corp. because the investment bank lent billions of dollars to New Century, a now-defunct subprime lender, and pressured it to make troublesome loans to African-American borrowers who could not afford them. Morgan Stanley packaged the loans made by New Century and sold them to pension funds and other large investors. But, the lawsuit claims, the bank went beyond the traditional role of an investment bank by requiring that the mortgage company churn out the wildly profitable loans that came with "dangerous" characteristics. For example, the lawsuit says, many of the loans ultimately sold to investors were "stated income" loans, in which borrowers could estimate their incomes without having to provide supporting documentation. The action against Morgan Stanley follows a series of lawsuits brought by investors and federal and state officials against some of

the nation's largest banks. The ACLU suit, which is to be filed in federal court in New York and will seek class-action certification, claims that Morgan Stanley violated the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. Rubbie McCoy, one of the five named plaintiffs in the lawsuit, took out a loan from New Century in 2006 with an adjustable rate starting at 12.14 percent, which could not fall below 10.75 percent. It came with "excessive fees and costs," the suit said. McCoy, a single mother, said she could not afford the payments, but the broker told her to "fudge" her income, the suit says. Now, she is fighting to save the Detroit home that she shares with her four children. "Having a house was a way to keep my kids grounded," McCoy said. Morgan Stanley declined to comment on Sunday. Last week, in an action against another bank, federal prosecutors in New York sued Wells Fargo, the country's largest mortgage lender, saying it made "reckless" loans for more than a decade that soured, and subsequently left them to the government's insurance program to pay. In its first salvo earlier this month, the federal mortgage task force formed by the Justice Department

sued Bear Stearns & Co., currently a unit of JPMorgan Chase, accusing the company of widespread misconduct during the heady days of the hous-

ing boom in the packaging and sale of mortgage securities. Morgan Stanley came under fire from the Massachusetts attorney general in 2010 for its packaging

of New Century mortgage loans. In June 2010, the bank agreed to pay \$102 million to close an investigation by the attorney general, Martha Coakley, lowering its loan standards. The ACLU's complaint says, "Morgan Stanley actively encouraged lending tactics that increased the levels of risk associated with individual loans." The subprime loans cited in the suit were made from 2004 to 2007. New Century, one of the country's most prolific subprime lenders, went bankrupt in March 2007. Based on lending data from 2005 through 2007, the suit says, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency determined that New Century was responsible for the greatest share of loans in foreclosure in the 10 metropolitan areas blighted by the highest foreclosure rates. A former employee who testified in a separate civil suit against Morgan Stanley said that bank officials knowingly bought loans in which borrowers' debt levels were more than 50 percent of their total income, according to the ACLU lawsuit. □



Rubbie McCoy with her sons, Damekio, left, and Corey at her home in Detroit, Oct. 12, 2012. Rubbie McCoy is one of five named plaintiffs in a lawsuit against Morgan Stanley, which the American Civil Liberties Union claims was responsible for risky loans made by a subprime mortgage lender that were disproportionately aimed at African-American borrowers.
(Fabrizio Costantini/The New York Times)



EXCELSIOR CASINO, located at Holiday Inn
The most complete gambling experience!!

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ★ POKER | ★ BLACK JACK |
| ★ DAILY BINGO | ★ THREE CARD POKER |
| ★ SPORTSBOOK | ★ CARIBBEAN STUD POKER |
| ★ THE LATEST GAMES ON SLOTS | ★ ROULETTE |
| | ★ CRAPS TABLE |

Lady Luck is waiting for you at **EXCELSIOR CASINO!**
For more information give us a call (297) 586-7777

10 TEN DOLLARS

1 coupon per person per day



GOOD ONLY AT BLACK JACK

10 TEN DOLLARS

EXCELSIOR CASINO LOCATED IN THE HOLIDAY INN ARUBA

BENLO CIGARS

Import & Export • We ship all over the world • Tel.: 5863555

Located in the Arowak Garden, next to Salt & Pepper, Paparazzi and Tango Restaurant.

We are specialized in premium Cuban Cigars.

Opening hours: Mon. - Sat. 8:30am - 11:00pm

Sunday 9:00am - 11:00pm

Depending on purchase, we have discounts starting from 5% up to 20%.

With purchase of \$20 or more 1 FREE CIGAR

Bring this coupon for your free Cuban Cigar!

US: Hezbollah part of Assad's war machine



A Free Syrian Army supporter holds and covers his face with a the Syrian revolutionary flag during an anti-Syrian regime and Salafist group leader Sheikh Ahmad al-Assir demonstration in downtown of Beirut, Lebanon. Assir, a strong critic of Hezbollah leader Hasan Nasrallah and Syrian President Bashar Assad, has organized multiple protests over the past year in a bid to increase support for the Syrian uprising and mount an offensive against Nasrallah for openly supporting Assad's regime. Arabic writing on his headband reads, "at your service God's Prophet." (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States said Monday that Lebanon's Hezbollah militia is stepping up support for the Syrian government and has become part of President Bashar Assad's "killing machine."

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice told the U.N. Security Council's monthly meeting on the Mideast that Hezbollah leaders are also continuing to plot new measures with Iran to keep Assad in power.

Rice's comments — and those of Israel's U.N. Ambassador Ron Prosor — gave the clearest indication that Hezbollah, which fought a war against Israel in 2006 and is a major political and military force in Lebanon, is sending an increasing number of fighters to help the embattled Syrian regime.

Syria's ruling Alawite minority is an offshoot of Shiite Islam and has had close ties to Iran

and Hezbollah which are Shiite-dominated. Assad has long helped Iran aid Hezbollah and Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, in destabilizing Lebanon and threatening Israel's security and U.S. interests in the Middle East. The U.S. ambassador accused Hezbollah's leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, of being two-faced about his claims that he is promoting Lebanon's interests.

"Hezbollah's active and growing support for Assad's war exposes Hassan Nasrallah's claims of promoting Lebanon's national interest as nothing more than a deadly form of deception," Rice said. "The group's leaders may try to change the subject by invoking hollow rhetoric about so-called resistance, but the truth is plain to see: Nasrallah's fighters are now part of

Assad's killing machine and Hezbollah's leaders continue to plot with Iran new measures to prop up a murderous and desperate dictator," she said.

Rice said the United States is encouraging the international community "to counter Hezbollah's terrorist activity and do more to expose Hezbollah's deepening involvement in Assad's war."

Israel's ambassador Prosor said Nasrallah claims he needs a private army with advanced missiles to defend Lebanon against the Jewish state. "Today we see that Hezbollah's army is far more preoccupied with butchering their Arab brothers and sisters in Syria," Prosor said. He said Nasrallah and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad form a "trio of terror" with Assad, "offering the tyrant of Damascus guidance on how to butcher the Syrian people more efficiently."

The U.S. ambassador said the 19-month Syrian war now poses a challenge to all of the Mideast country's neighbors, including Lebanon which has experienced cross-border attacks and an influx of Syrian refugees.

She commended the Lebanese government and armed forces "for maintaining stability and law and order at this critical juncture" and welcomed efforts by Lebanese President Michel Suleiman and others to promote dialogue including on disarmament of illegal militias as demanded by the U.N. Security Council. □



The ambulance carrying injured Pakistani teenager Malala Yousufzai, leaves Birmingham airport, England Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. A Pakistani teen shot in the head by the Taliban for promoting girls' education and criticizing militants has arrived in Britain, where she is to get specialized care. The attack on 14-year-old Malala Yousufzai a week ago horrified people across Pakistan and abroad.

(AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

Pakistani girl reaches UK for medical care

MARTIN BENEDYK
SEBASTIAN ABBOT
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, England

(AP) — A teenage Pakistani activist shot in the head by the Taliban arrived in Britain on Monday to receive specialized medical care and protection from follow-up attacks threatened by the militants. Officials said she is stable and has a chance at "a good recovery."

The attack on 14-year-old Malala Yousufzai as she was returning home from school in Pakistan's northwest a week ago has horrified people across the South Asian country and abroad. It has also sparked hope that the Pakistani government would respond by intensifying its fight against the Taliban and their allies.

Malala was targeted by the Taliban for promoting girls' education and criticizing the militant group's behavior when they took over the scenic Swat Valley where she lived. Two of her classmates were also wounded in the attack and are receiving treatment in Pakistan.

The Taliban have threatened to target Malala again until she is killed be-

cause she promotes "Western thinking."

Malala, who had been receiving treatment at a Pakistani military hospital, arrived at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham in central England on Monday afternoon. The hospital has a major trauma center, specializing in treating severe gunshot wounds, major head injuries and road accident victims. It is also home to the Royal Center for Defense Medicine, the primary receiving unit for military casualties returning from overseas, and has advanced equipment that would help Malala's treatment, officials said.

"Malala had a comfortable journey and is stable," said Pakistan's High Commissioner to Britain, Wajid Shamsul Hasan. Dave Rosser, the hospital's medical director, said doctors believe Malala "has a chance of making a good recovery" but added that he had not yet seen the girl. He declined to provide details of her condition, citing respect for her privacy.

Pakistan's military had said a panel of doctors recommended that Malala be shifted to a center in the United Kingdom that has the ability to provide "integrated" care to children who have sustained severe injuries.

Ontario Premier McGuinty steps down

TORONTO (AP) — The premier of Canada's most populous province has decided to resign after nine years in office.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said Monday that it's time for renewal and new ideas.

McGuinty won a third term last year, but his Liberal par-

ty was reduced to a minority of the seats in the Ontario legislature and must rely on the opposition to pass legislation.

McGuinty led his party for 16 years. He asked his party to call a leadership convention.

He says he'll stay on as party leader until a successor is

sworn in and will remain a member of the legislature until the next election.

McGuinty made the surprise announcement at an emergency meeting of the Liberal caucus after his government faced a second contempt motion over two cancelled power plants. □



**Our Kitchen is open from
10AM - 10PM
We are CLOSED on SUNDAYS**

***Once you visit downtown don't forget
to stop by Mojito's Cantina & Grill.***

Come and enjoy the nice panoramic view of the cruise ships

**We serve Authentic Cuban and
Latin American Cuisine**

**Live Bands on Wednesdays - Fridays and Saturdays
and Daily HAPPY HOUR: 2 X 1 starting from 5:00PM - 7:00PM**



Officials: Car bombs, shootings kill 8 in Iraq

SINAN SALAHEDDIN
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A string of insurgent attacks including three car bombs in an ethnically divided northern city killed eight people across Iraq on Tuesday, police said.

Brig. Gen. Sarhad Qadir, police commander of the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, said back-to-back detonations of a parked car bomb and a roadside bomb in a parking lot near the provincial council building killed one civilian and injured 15.

Another parked car bomb went off in a residential area in the same city and wounded five civilians, he added.

A third car bomb struck a passing police patrol near Kirkuk, killing two policemen

and wounding three others, according to Qadir.

Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Baghdad, is home to a

combustible mix of Kurds, Sunni Arabs and Turkomen who all claim rights to the city.

Earlier, gunmen in a

speeding car attacked an Iraqi army check point in the city of Tuz Khormato outside Kirkuk, killing two soldiers and injuring two others, Qadir said. Tuz Khormato is located 130 miles (210 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

Meanwhile, police said gunmen fatally shot two brothers who are members of the anti-al-Qaida group known as Sahwa, after breaking into their house in Samarra, 95 kilometers (60 miles) north of Baghdad. The Sahwa are Sunni Arabs who joined forces with U.S. military to fight al-Qaida at the highest of Iraq's insurgency. They have since been regularly targeted by Sunni insurgents who see them as traitors.

In Baghdad, gunmen staged a drive-by shooting

against a civilian car in a southern suburb, killing an army officer and wounding three others, according to police. A medical official confirmed the casualties.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

The attacks came as the U.N. envoy on Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, arrived in Baghdad for talks with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other officials to discuss the neighboring country's worsening civil war.

Brahimi is touring the region in an attempt to help resolve the Syrian crisis.

Violence is down from 2006-2008 when Iraq seemed close to civil war, but deadly attacks still take place almost daily. □



An Iraqi firefighter hoses down burned cars after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. Three people including two soldiers died and 22 others were wounded Monday in three attacks two car bombings and a shooting at a checkpoint in and around the city of Kirkuk, home to a combustible mix of Kurds, Sunni Arabs and Turkomen who all claim rights to the city.

(AP Photo/Emad Matti)

Scotland moves closer to vote on independence

BEN McCONVILLE
Associated Press

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Scotland moved a step closer Monday to a vote on independence after Scottish and British leaders signed a deal laying the groundwork for a popular referendum that could radically alter the shape of the United Kingdom.

Officials from London and Edinburgh have been meeting for weeks to hammer out the details. Sticking points included the date and the wording of the question.

On Monday, British Prime Minister David Cameron met with Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond in Edinburgh to approve the deal. No date was set, but the vote is likely to be held in October 2014, as Salmond's nationalists had wished.

The "Edinburgh Agreement" means that the Scottish Government can now propose legislation on the precise wording of the question, the exact date, extending the vote to 16 year olds, finance rules and conduct.

If Scotland does break away it will end more than 300 years of political union with England.

An ebullient Salmond said he is confident the independence movement can triumph. "Do I believe we can win this? Yes I do," he told reporters. "It is a vision of a prosperous and compassionate Scotland and that will carry the day."

He said the advantages of separation from Britain would become clear, and that his government envisioned "a Scotland with a new place in the world — as an independent na-



Britain's Prime Minister, David Cameron, left, shakes hands with Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond at St Andrews House in Edinburgh, where he is expected to sign a deal granting Holyrood the power to hold a historic referendum on independence, Monday Oct. 15, 2012. Officials from London and Edinburgh have been meeting for weeks to hammer out details of a vote on Scottish independence. Sticking points included the date and the wording of the question.

(AP Photo/PA, Andrew Milligan)

tion."

Cameron did not immediately comment. But the prime minister is expected later to praise Scotland's two governments for coming together to deliver a "legal, fair and decisive" referendum that now puts the decision on a separate Scotland or a United Kingdom in the people's hands. "This marks the beginning of an important chapter in Scotland's story and allows the real debate to begin," Cameron will say in a speech later Monday, according to prepared remarks released by his office. Cameron and other pro-union politicians had pressed for the vote to be held earlier than 2014, because opinion polls show that only between a quarter and a third of Scots currently favor leaving the union. □

JOLLY PIRATES \$10 off

SAIL, SNORKEL, SWIM & SWING! DAILY 9-1:30pm \$57pp Visit 3 Great sites with BBQ, Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!	AFTERNOON SNORKEL DAILY 2:30-5:30pm \$38pp Shorter version with Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!	SUNSET SAIL Mon & Fri 5-7pm \$30pp Open Bar included & Ropeswing!
---	--	--

Tickets available at Jolly Pirates Shop at MooMba Beach. Boarding at MooMba Beach- by the high rise hotels between Holiday Inn and Marriott Resorts. Offer not valid in combination with other discount offers. Valid for direct telephone reservations ONLY - Present coupon at boarding

586 8107/592 7858

Save \$10 per couple/per coupon for morning cruise
Save \$5 per couple/per coupon for afternoon cruise

Captain, survivors hear Italian shipwreck evidence

FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

GROSSETO, Italy (AP) — A theater in Italy turned into a courtroom Monday, providing extra space for all those who needed to hear the evidence against the captain of a shipwrecked cruise ship.

The case of Francesco Schettino, 51, has generated such interest that the Tuscan city of Grosseto chose the larger space to accommodate all those who had a legitimate claim to be at the closed-door hearing.

Thirty-two people died after

Schettino, in a stunt, took the Costa Concordia cruise ship off course and brought it close to the Tuscan island of Giglio on Jan. 13. The ship then ran aground and capsized. Schettino himself became a lightning rod for international disdain for having left the ship before everyone was evacuated. Schettino appeared at the hearing Monday, as well as passengers who survived the deadly shipwreck, the families of those who died in it and scores of lawyers trying to get more compensation for them.

"We want to look him in

the eye to see how he will react to the accusations," said German survivor Michael Liessen, 50, who attended with his wife.

embarrassed. He was very cautious, probably not expecting that somebody would approach him."

Wearing dark glasses and a

seemed confident, saying during a break that "responsibilities that aren't all Schettino's are beginning to emerge."

Hearings this week through Wednesday will help decide whether the judge will order a trial for Schettino, who is accused of manslaughter, causing the shipwreck and abandoning ship while passengers and crew were still aboard. He denies the accusations and hasn't been charged. Any trial is unlikely to begin before next year.

Off the Tuscan coast and just outside Giglio's port, the hulk of the Concordia still lies on its side, resting on a rocky seabed ledge, the object of gawkers and a painful symbol of the disaster for islanders and survivors. Experts are carrying out a complicated salvage plan to get the 290-meter (1,000-foot) long vessel upright so it can be towed to the mainland.

A key question is how much of the blame should Schettino bear alone and how much responsibility for the disaster lies with his crew and employer, Costa Crociere, a division of the Miami-based Carnival Corp. Costa Crociere has denied that it was negligent and has distanced itself from Schettino, firing him in July although he is fighting to get his job back.

Last month, court-appointed experts delivered a 270-page report of what went wrong that night based on an analysis of data recorders, ship communications equipment, testimony and other evidence.

The experts, who included



Francesco Schettino, the former captain of the cruise ship Costa Concordia, right, leaves the Teatro Moderno theatre where the first hearing are taking place for the Jan. 13 shipwreck which left 32 people dead, in Grosseto, Italy, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. The captain of the cruise ship that crashed into an Italian reef appeared to hear evidence against him, while passengers who survived the deadly shipwreck and the families of those who died showed up just "to look him in the eye." The case of Schettino, 51, was of such interest that a theater had to be turned into a courtroom to accommodate those who had a legitimate claim to be at the closed-door hearing.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

Another survivor said he even talked with Schettino. "When he looked at me, I told him I was on board the Costa Concordia. He stood up and we shook hands, as it is normal between two polite people," Luciano Castro, 48, who has published a book in Italy about the disaster, told The Associated Press. "I told him I hoped the truth would come out soon. In that moment, he replied, 'Yes, it must be established.'"

Castro added that Schettino appeared to be "very

suit, Schettino used a back entrance to slip into the theater, making no comment to reporters outside. Lawyers said he listened intently to the proceedings, where his attorneys raised some objections to the evidence being submitted against Schettino and eight others accused in the shipwreck, including crew members and officials from Concordia owner Costa Crociere SpA.

Nevertheless, one member of Schettino's defense team, Francesco Pepe,

PHILIPS ANIMAL GARDEN

Habitat for Rescued Animals

ARUBA'S HABITAT FOR MORE THAN 50 DIFFERENT SPECIES

\$4 off
On animal feeding bag or t-shirt

Opening Hours: 9 AM - 5 PM non-stop

+297 593 5363
Alto Vista 116 (next to the chapel)
www.philipsanimalgarden.com

Latin Briefs

Colombian peace talks set to begin Wednesday in Oslo

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A Colombian official says the government delegation to peace talks with the country's main leftist rebel group in Oslo this week has not yet arrived in the Norwegian capital. The official says the talks officially begin with a Wednesday news conference. He spoke Monday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia had said the talks would begin Monday. The government never announced a date. The Bogota newspaper El Espectador said heavy rains in Colombia had delayed the arrival of FARC negotiators traveling from Havana to join their comrades for the trip to Norway. The nearly half-century conflict has claimed tens of thousands of lives. The talks will move to Cuba after the Oslo gathering. □

11 people shot by gunmen playing soccer in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Police say gunmen have attacked three groups of men playing soccer at small fields in Honduras, killing 11. The motives for the attacks in the rural province of Olancho are still under investigation. Drug traffickers have been active in the area. The victims were aged 18 to 25. Police commissioner Hector Garcia says the first attack occurred Saturday, and killed eight men. The second attack Sunday killed two more men, and a third attack left one man dead. All the attacks occurred around the city of Catacamas. On Friday, gunmen killed the husband of the national Assistant Health Minister Miriam Paz in Olancho. Security Minister Pompeyo Bonilla pledged to impose order in the violence-plagued province, and dispatched a contingent of police and soldiers to the area. □

Argentine officers convicted of summarily killing inmates

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Judges in Argentina have convicted three former navy officers of summarily executing 16 political prisoners, and called on the U.S. to extradite a fourth suspect living in Miami. The "Massacre of Trelew" in 1972 presaged the violence leading to Argentina's bloody dictatorship four years later. The inmates were shot even though a judge publicly guaranteed their safety. The judges gave life sentences for murder to Emilio del Real, Luis Sosa and Carlos Marandino. Former navy Capt. Roberto Bravo was charged with them, but a U.S. judge denied his extradition, saying Argentina's military had absolved him. Judge Enrique Guanziroli called it long-delayed justice, but their lawyers are preparing an appeal, saying killings don't qualify as crimes against humanity. □

Chilean police shoot tear gas as Mapuche Indians protest

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile's police have clashed with Mapuche Indians who were holding a protest to demand land rights and autonomy. Police shot tear gas and water cannons when the demonstration by 3,000 Mapuche Indians in the capital Santiago turned violent. □

Cancellations add to Brazil airport chaos

SAO PAULO (AP) — More than 25,000 passengers of a single airline in Brazil saw flights delayed or cancelled after a damaged cargo jet blocked the lone runway at one of the country's busiest airports for two days, officials said Monday. Separately, the check-in system at Tam airlines, Brazil's biggest, was down for three hours early Monday at all locations around the world where the company operates, adding to the air transport chaos in Latin America's biggest nation. Critics say improving the nation's woeful airports is one of its biggest challenges before it hosts the 2014 World Cup.

Azul Airlines, which operates about 85 percent of the flights at the Campinas airport north of Sao Paulo, said late Monday afternoon that its flights would resume normal operations by early evening after the damaged cargo jet was removed from the airport's only runway. The jet, owned by U.S.-based Centurion Cargo, blew out a tire upon landing Saturday night — it took Brazilian officials until Monday to locate the proper heavy equipment to remove the plane.

The Campinas airport, also known as Viracopos, was Brazil's ninth-busiest last year, according to government statistics, and was earlier this year named as one of three the government said it would privatize. "Although operations at Viracopos have been freed up, delays and cancellations may still occur," Azul said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for Tam airlines declined to say how many flights were delayed or cancelled because of the problems with its check-in system. The company operates about 800 flights a day around the globe. With the check-in system down, passengers' tickets had to be processed by hand at airports. Brazilian TV showed long lines and



A jet from the Tam Airlines fleet sits on the tarmac in Brazil. The check-in system at Tam airlines, Brazil's biggest, was down for three hours early Monday at all locations around the world where the company operates, adding to the air transport chaos in Latin America's biggest nation. Critics say improving the nation's woeful airports is one of its biggest challenges before it hosts the 2014 World Cup.

(Photo)

crowded terminals at main airports in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Improving airports plagued with bottlenecks, long lines and poor infrastructure was a key promise made by the government in its winning bid to host soccer's premiere event in 2014. Hundreds of thousands of fans

will fly between the 12 host cities for matches.

Brazil's airports have buckled under demand that tripled in the past decade. In 2002, airlines flew 34.3 million passengers on flights originating in Brazil. That rose to 107.8 million last year, Brazil's civil aviation agency reported. □

The Promenade Restaurant

Special

First Course

SEAFOOD PROMENADE
stuffed and baked to a golden color

Escargot a la creme

creamy garlic sauce with fresh mushrooms
GARDEN SALAD BOULANGERE
dressed with your choice of dressing

Second Course

SOUP OF THE DAY
home made

Third Course

ROAST TENDERLOIN MEDICI
a mediterranean speciality
CHICKEN FLORENTINE
baked stuffed with creamed spinach
BROILED PORK MEDALLION
with a dijon mustard sauce and apple
mousse
BAKED STUFFED GROUPER
glazed with seafood thermidor

Fourth Course

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
CHEESE CAKE
ICE CREAM

\$ 22.00 plus Service Charge
In combination with coupons will be a
surcharge of \$4.00

FOR RESERVATION 583-8899

L.G. Smith Blvd. 160 near the low rise Hotels



HAPPY HOUR

Daily 5 - 6pm

Special prices on
Balashi & Mojito's

J. E. Irausquin Blvd 79 at De Palm Pier • (297) 586 2233 • www.bugaloe.com • info@bugaloe.com • Open daily: 9am - 12am



Mexico raids seized campuses, battle protesters

MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police raided three teachers colleges on Monday in the western state of Michoacan, where dozens of students had been hijacking buses and delivery trucks for a week to protest curriculum changes.

Masked protesters battled police with rocks and fireworks. Student involved in the campus takeovers burned a dozen trucks and buses before authorities swept in, detaining 176 strikers. Ten police officers were injured, three seriously, the Michoacan state government reported.

The massive police raids early Monday indicate patience is running out with campus takeovers, which have become common and often violent in Mexico. In recent weeks, hundreds of students at two other occupied campuses in Mexico have battled protesters to free their universities from strikers.

The standoff at the teachers colleges began over a week ago, when students seized the campuses to protest plans to require them to take English and computer science courses. The protesters say the colleges are meant to prepare teachers for rural areas where basic skills are more of a priority. The protesting students fanned out, forcing bus and delivery truck drivers to move the vehicles to the occupied campuses. Protesters ended up holding the vehicles and several of their drivers for more than a week. The governments said the hijackings caused losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars per day. Michoacan state spokes-

man Elina Ambriz said one of the three campuses had been recovered without incident.

It was the latest in a round of pushbacks against campus takeovers, which have long been tolerated in Mexico because authorities

campus. After two weeks without classes, dental and medical students donned motorcycle helmets, leaped the walls around the campus in white lab coats and battled to take their university back. Rocks and fists flew, sticks and

school, frustration has boiled over among hundreds of locked-out students who tried to take make-up classes in improvised classrooms. The strikers were backed by some professors and university employees.

"We are now holding class-

over a campus and affecting thousands of students, he said, isn't the way to air a grievance.

"This has nothing to do with a student movement," Martinon said. "The students are just caught in the middle."

The Mexico City strike was called to protest a crusading rector who wanted to clean up inefficiency and low graduation rates; only a few dozen of the university's nearly 15,000 students have actually graduated in the 11 years since the university was founded. The rector's proposals sparked opposition from professors and employees, and the protesters said they took over the campuses because of fraud in voting for the university's administrative board, and said they have the support of a majority of students.

"Assemblies held by the students at the university's five campuses decided to call a strike, because legal procedures had been violated and vote results ignored" in elections that gave the crusading rector a majority on the university council, said Javier Marmolejo, an anthropology professor and strike leader. He said the strike assemblies were often voice votes or raised hands. He didn't explain why he, a professor, is helping lead a student strike.

Outside citizens also have been affected by students blocking highways or taking over toll booths. Many students struggle to get by, working part time to finance their studies, and face a tight job market. Some fear employers may steer clear of graduates from universities with a history of stoppages, strikes and confrontations. □



A student participating in a student strike walks past protest banners at the Autonomous University of Mexico City, in Mexico City. Police raided three teachers colleges on Monday in the western state of Michoacan, where dozens of students had been hijacking buses and delivery trucks for a week to protest curriculum changes.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

are often loath to interfere. Police are wary of entering many colleges because of the concept of university autonomy, which protects academic independence by allowing colleges to run their own affairs. Memories of student massacres in 1968 and 1971 make cracking down on campus protests politically unpalatable. But with common citizens and other students being affected by the takeovers, police and even students themselves have begun to act. Last month, rejected students demanding admission to the University of Michoacan took over the

baseball bats were swung, a fire extinguisher was turned against the medical students, and finally the squatters fled the school of medicine. Classes reopened days later. This month, about 100 students at Mexico City's Autonomous University rushed the gates of their seized campus and briefly forced out striking students, who later returned with a pickup truck to bash in the gates and retake the school. The two sides are now in talks to end the standoff. With only a dozen or so masked students holding some campuses at the

es in tents, at the soccer field next to the campus, and the conditions are deplorable," said Gustavo Martinon, 23, a media arts student at the university's Cuauhtemoc campus. "When it rains, the tents flood." "The engineering students need labs and computers, and they don't have them. We (media arts) students need the radio station, the video facilities, and all the equipment we need." Like most of the other students trying to take back the campus, Martinon said he has no position on whether the strikers have a legitimate grudge. Taking



Promoted to Market Vice President for Mexico:

Kevin Schwab bids farewell to the Aruba Marriott

PALM BEACH, ARUBA (OCTOBER 14, 2012) – The Aruba Marriott properties held a farewell party in the Grand Ballroom, thanking their Vice President and General Manager Kevin Schwab for his great leadership, guidance and support over the last three years. Schwab continues his career with Marriott as the Market Vice President for Mexico overseeing 21 Marriott properties. Most recently, Schwab has successfully led the team at the Aruba Marriott Resort complex as Vice President and General Manager. He was in charge overseeing the day-to-day physical



week for multiple departments within the complex, maintaining the same salary as before.

Saddened to see him leave, the Aruba Marriott wishes Kevin and his supporting wife Nadine all the best as he departs for a new adventure. Te oro Kevin! □



and financial operations of the property and implementing service-training programs. His dedication to maintaining the resort's reputation for high service standards showed great successes. In 2010, he was awarded General Manager of the Year and received the first award for his outstanding

work with the implementation of Breakthrough Leadership (BLT). The Aruba Marriott became the first Marriott hotel to implement BLT outside the United States. Schwab championed developed the concept of coaches across the Americas and was instrumental in the successful launch of BLT throughout the Caribbean

and Latin America hotels. During the Mexican themed farewell party, Schwab took the time to thank all his associates for the great achievements all three properties have accomplished in the last few years. He highlighted the most recent accomplishment, the switch from a six-day to a five-day work



Aruba Consumer Price Index September 2012

- The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of September 2012.

The CPI for September 2012 is 119.38, an increase of 0.45% compared to the index of August 2012 (118.85) and accumulating a decrease of 1.63% up to and including September of this year. The percentage change of the CPI over the last 12 months (September 2011 to September 2012) is -2.08, a decrease of 8.58 percentage points (ppts) compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (6.50). The period average percentage change of the CPI for the period September 2011 - September 2012 is 2.87, an increase of 0.22 ppts compared to the period average percentage change over the period September 2010 - September 2011 (2.65). During this month, eight of the twelve sectors registered increases in prices. The increase which had

the greatest influence on the CPI was registered for the "Transport" sector (2.60%), causing an effect of 0.47 ppts. The increases in the remaining sectors had a total effect of 0.10 ppts on the CPI of September 2012. Aforementioned increases were partially offset mainly by a decrease in the index for the "Clothing and footwear" sector (-1.69%), which had an influence of -0.09 ppts. The decreases in the remaining sectors had a total effect of -0.03 ppts on the CPI of September 2012. The increase in the "Transport" sector was mainly due to an increase in the category "Operation of personal transport equip-

ment" (4.94%), which contributed to an effect of 0.47 ppts. The decrease in the "Clothing and footwear" sector was caused by a decrease of 1.94% in the category "Clothing", which contributed to an effect of -0.09 ppts. The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 452 goods and services. Compared to August 2012, 37.8% of these products had an increase in price, causing an effect of 0.92 ppts, while 34.5% showed a decrease, contributing to an effect of -0.47 ppts and the remaining 27.7% had no change in price. The prices of goods increased by 0.78% and

caused an influence of 0.50 ppts. The prices of services show a decrease of 0.16% and had an influence of -0.06 ppts. The CPIC (core inflation) - CPI excluding the effect of energy and food - registered in September 2012 an increase of 0.79%, which is 0.06 ppts lower compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (0.85%). The energy index - which consists of the products: electricity, water, gasoline and diesel - registered an increase of 8.64%, which is 0.12 ppts lower compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (8.76%). The food index shows an increase of 4.25%, which is 1.69 ppts higher compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (2.56%).

Change in prices of crude oil, utilities, gasoline and diesel in September 2012:

The prices of utilities (electricity and water), gasoline and diesel are for the greater part determined by international crude oil prices. In September 2012 the average price per barrel of crude oil (US\$ 94.57) had an increase of US\$ 0.86 (0.92%) compared to August 2012 (US\$ 93.71). Fuel surcharge for a usage of electricity up to 500 kWh surcharge did not change in September 2012, it stayed at Afl. 32.49 cents per kWh. Fuel surcharge for a usage of electricity above 500 kWh surcharge did not change either in September

October 15, 2012



SEPTEMBER 2012

CPI (BASE DEC 2006 = 100)

Index	↑	119.38
Monthly	↑	0.45
Year-to-date	↓	-1.63
End of period	↓	-2.08
Period average	↑	2.87
Goods	↑	0.78
Services	↓	-0.16

CPIC

CPIC	↑	0.79
Energy	↑	8.64
Food	↑	4.25

CPIC: CPI excluding the effect of energy and food.

Energy: Electricity, water, gasoline and diesel.

Table 1 Overview percentage change of the CPI

	Jan11	Feb11	Mar11	Apr11	May11	Jun11	Jul11	Aug11	Sep11	Oct11	Nov11	Dec11	Jan12	Feb12	Mar12	Apr12	May12	Jun12	Jul12	Aug12	Sep12
Index	121.91	121.25	121.43	121.36	121.01	121.48	121.77	121.88	121.81	121.20	120.70	118.85	119.38								
Monthly	-0.27	-0.54	0.14	-0.06	-0.29	0.39	0.23	0.09	-0.05	-0.50	-0.41	-1.54	0.45								
Year-to-date	6.61	6.03	6.18	6.12	-0.29	0.11	0.34	0.43	0.38	-0.13	-0.54	-2.07	-1.63								
End of period	6.50	6.47	6.23	6.12	5.42	5.58	5.09	2.60	1.43	0.95	0.36	-2.78	-2.08								
Period average	2.65	3.24	3.80	4.37	4.79	5.18	5.50	5.42	5.15	4.81	4.42	3.59	2.87								
Goods	-0.49	-0.36	-0.20	-0.32	-0.29	0.39	0.04	0.32	-0.18	-0.83	-0.62	-2.38	0.78								
Services	0.16	-0.89	0.82	0.44	-0.29	0.41	0.61	-0.34	0.18	0.13	-0.02	0.05	-0.16								
CPIC	0.85	1.13	1.40	1.74	1.97	2.17	2.20	2.17	1.99	1.77	1.47	1.10	0.79								
Energy	8.76	10.29	11.77	13.13	14.11	15.18	16.56	16.10	15.30	14.35	13.52	10.86	8.64								
Food	2.56	3.33	3.95	4.51	4.91	5.20	5.27	5.43	5.47	5.34	5.10	4.78	4.25								

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Beauty On The Beach

Alyssa Jones

She is from Toronto, Canada. It's her second time in Aruba, staying with her family at Renaissance Ocean tower. She loves Aruba's beaches, shopping and food.

WINNER OF TRIP ADVISOR'S CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE 2012

The Blue Lobster

Best Lobster House and International Cuisine's Restaurant in Aruba

For reservation: 586-3843

ber 2012, it stayed at Afl. 38.47 cents per kWh. The prices of electricity and water did not change compared to August 2012. Subsequently, the average electricity price per household remained at Afl. 363.27, while the average price of water per household remained at Afl. 137.05. In September 2012 the price of gasoline increased by Afl. 0.16 (7.00%), causing an effect of 0.46 ppts on the CPI. The price of diesel registered an increase of Afl. 0.11 (5.51%) and had an effect of 0.02 ppts on the CPI of September 2012. In September 2012, utilities, gasoline and diesel as a group show an increase in price of 2.21% compared to August 2012, and had an influence of 0.47 ppts on the CPI, while the remaining 448 goods and services, as a group, experienced a decrease in price of 0.04%, causing an effect of -0.03 ppts on the CPI.

Change in prices of Food & catering services in September 2012:

Continued on Page 15

Continued from Page 14

The "Food & catering services" index increased

and was caused by an increase in the index for "Potatoes" (3.82%).

the most (-0.58%), followed by decreases of 0.38% and 0.15% in the indices for "Milk, cheese

and eggs" and "Bread and cereals", respectively.

Over the last 12 months the "Food & catering services" index has increased by 1.83%. The "Food at home" index shows an increase of 1.09%. The "Fish and other seafood" index increased by 6.36%, the largest increase among the "Food at home" food groups, while the "Potatoes and other tubers" index (-13.87%) shows the largest decrease.

The index for "Food away from home" increased

by 0.08% in September 2012, after increasing 0.04% in August, and has increased by 4.48% over the last 12 months.

In September 2012, "Food at home" and "Food away from home" as a group show an increase in price of 0.23% compared to August 2012, and had an influence of 0.04 ppts on the CPI, while the remaining goods and services, as a group, experienced an increase in price of 0.49%, causing an effect of 0.41 ppts on the CPI. □

Table 2 Percentage change by sector

Sector	Weight coefficient	Percentage changes				
		Effect Aug-Sep	Monthly Aug-Sep	Year-to-date Dec-Sep	End of period Sep 11-Sep 12	Period average Sep 11-Sep 12
CPI	10,000.0	0.45	0.45	-1.63	-2.88	2.87
01. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,125.3	0.04	0.27	-0.09	1.09	4.15
02. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	81.9	0.00	0.25	2.65	2.41	4.30
03. Clothing and footwear	625.9	-0.09	-1.69	-8.20	-10.84	-4.68
04. Housing	2,553.3	0.02	0.06	-5.87	-5.32	6.06
05. Household operation	741.3	-0.02	-0.38	-3.73	-5.87	-3.59
06. Health	235.8	0.00	0.21	2.94	2.67	0.64
07. Transport	1,815.4	0.47	2.60	5.30	3.18	4.51
08. Communications	706.3	0.00	0.09	-0.16	-0.11	1.45
09. Recreation and culture	891.2	-0.01	-0.18	-2.79	-4.10	-0.85
10. Education	83.0	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.58	2.89
11. Restaurants and hotels	373.7	0.00	0.08	1.33	4.38	4.53
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	767.0	0.03	0.53	-0.06	0.34	0.39

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

with 0.23% in September 2012 after decreasing 0.09% in August 2012. The index for "Food at home" shows an increase of 0.27% in September, as eight of the eleven "Food at home" indices increased in September 2012. The "Potatoes and other tubers" index registered the largest increase (2.61%) in September

The "Vegetables" index increased by 2.41%, after declining 0.61% the previous month. The index for "Fish and other seafood" shows an increase of 0.30%. The index for "Meat" increased by 0.29%, after declining in each of the four previous months. The "Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery" index decreased

Table 3 Categories with the greatest positive effect on the CPI of September 2012

Category	Monthly change	Effect
Operation of personal transport equipment	4.94	0.47
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	1.52	0.04
Food	0.28	0.03
Personal effects n.e.c.	4.33	0.03
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	2.47	0.02

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 4 Categories with the greatest negative effect on the CPI of September 2012

Category	Monthly change	Effect
Clothing	-1.94	-0.09
Holidays	-8.61	-0.07
Household appliances	-4.30	-0.03
Household textiles	-3.32	-0.03
Transport services	-0.62	-0.01

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

2X Double Point Tuesday!

Earn DOUBLE POINTS all day long!
Use your Alhambra Advantage card to play our slots from 10am to 4am and we'll DOUBLE your points for DOUBLE cash back.



The Shops at Alhambra Casino



Dining

- Baskin-Robbins
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Fusion ~ Piano, Cigar & Wine Bar
- Ginger ~ Asian Flavors
- Juan Valdez Café
- Little Caesars
- Subway



Retail

- Aruba Aloe
- Aruba Memories
- Daher & Company
- Diamonds International
- Divi Logo Shop
- Intermezzo ~ The Salon
- R-Glass
- The Lazy Lizard
- The Market



Where Aruba goes to play!

Open daily 10am to 4am • J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 • 583.5000 • www.casinoalhambra.com

Must be an Alhambra Advantage member. All programs and promotions are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Cuba sentences Spaniard to 4 years in car crash

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — A Cuban court sentenced a Spanish man to four years in prison for his role in a car crash that killed prominent dissident Oswaldo Paya and another government opponent, authorities announced Monday.

A notice published on state-run website Cubadebate said Angel Carromero Barrios was found guilty of the equivalent of vehicular manslaughter. Prosecutors had sought seven years.

"Considering the gravity of the events, in which the lamentable death of two people resulted as a consequence of Carromero Barrios' imprudent conduct, the tribunal imposed the penalty of four years deprivation of liberty."

It added that both Carromero and prosecutors have the right to appeal.

In Madrid, a Spanish Foreign Ministry spokeswoman reiterated the government's wish for Carromero to return home as soon as possible and said it will work with Havana to evaluate possible scenarios. She could not be named under standard department policy. Cuba could simply decide to deport Carromero, or Spain could seek the application of a 1998 treaty, signed by both nations, governing prisoners serving sentences in their home countries.

Carromero was behind the wheel July 22 when he lost control in an unpaved section of highway under construction and skidded into a tree near the eastern city of Bayamo, about 500 miles (800 kilometers) east of Havana.

Paya and another dissident, Harold Cepero, were riding in back and both

died in the crash. Carromero and Swedish citizen Aron Modig, who was in the front passenger seat, were wearing their seatbelts and

signs warning of the upcoming road work. His lawyer argued at trial that it was impossible to be sure how fast the car was



Cuban security forces escort Spanish citizen Angel Carromero, center, to the courthouse to attend his trial in Bayamo, Cuba. Carromero, who went on trial Oct. 5, 2012 in connection with a car crash in which a prominent dissident Oswaldo Paya and another dissident, Harold Cepero, were killed, was sentenced Monday, Oct. 15, 2012 to 4 years in a Cuban prison.

(AP Photo/Ismael Francisco, Cubadebate)

escaped serious injury. Cuban authorities accused Carromero of speeding and failing to heed road

traveling and said the signage was poor, and had been improved after the crash.

Carromero did not testify. He and Modig, both political activists affiliated with conservative parties in their home countries, had traveled to Cuba to meet with and support members of the island's tiny dissident community.

Cuba calls the dissidents "mercenaries" and accuses them of trying to undermine the country's Communist system.

Relatives of Paya have publicly expressed doubt that all details of the crash have emerged, saying they don't trust a government they consider hostile. They also had called for authorities not to try Carromero.

"We don't believe he was driving at excess velocity. We don't believe the official version," said Ofelia Acevedo, Paya's widow, who added that the family maintains its call for an outside investigation. □

Catch your own dinner with Driftwood!

Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: "From the pier to your plate!"



ORANJESTAD - The downtown marina is home of Driftwood Fishing Charters, the successful fishermen of the established seafood restaurant Driftwood in Oranjestad.

Driftwood owner Herby

Merryweather has a love and passion for fishing. A fisherman who knows about fish, what our local waters have to offer, and what the words "fresh seafood" really mean. What Herby catches will be served in his restaurant on the same day. Herby loves to share his fishing passion with the many visitors to the island. His fleet of a 35 ft. Twin Engine Bertram yacht and a 50 ft. Twin Engine Post yacht, appropriately called "Driftwood I and II, is available for charters on a daily basis from 8am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to



Winners of Int'l. LUHRS Marina Group Blue Marlin Release Tournament 2009

5pm.
Catch your own dinner
A charter includes: captain, mate, all fishing equipment, bait, sodas and bottled water. On a full day charter sandwiches and snacks are also included. You can call Herby directly at (297) 592 4040 or go to www.driftwoodaruba.com.
Driftwood Restaurant

This authentic Aruban seafood restaurant is located in characteristic downtown Oranjestad. Their extended menu has been jubled by many. Driftwood offers daily specials, as well as a delicious 4-course menu for just \$25.95
Charter deep sea fishing rates:
\$400 - 1/2 day

\$760- full day
Rates per boat
Max. 6 people
Driftwood Restaurant
Authentic Aruban Seafood Restaurant; Klipstraat 12, Downtown Oranjestad
Tel: (297) 583 2515
www.driftwoodaruba.com
Opening hours: every day, from 5pm till 10:30pm.
Sunday Closed.

SPORTS

Aruba TODAY

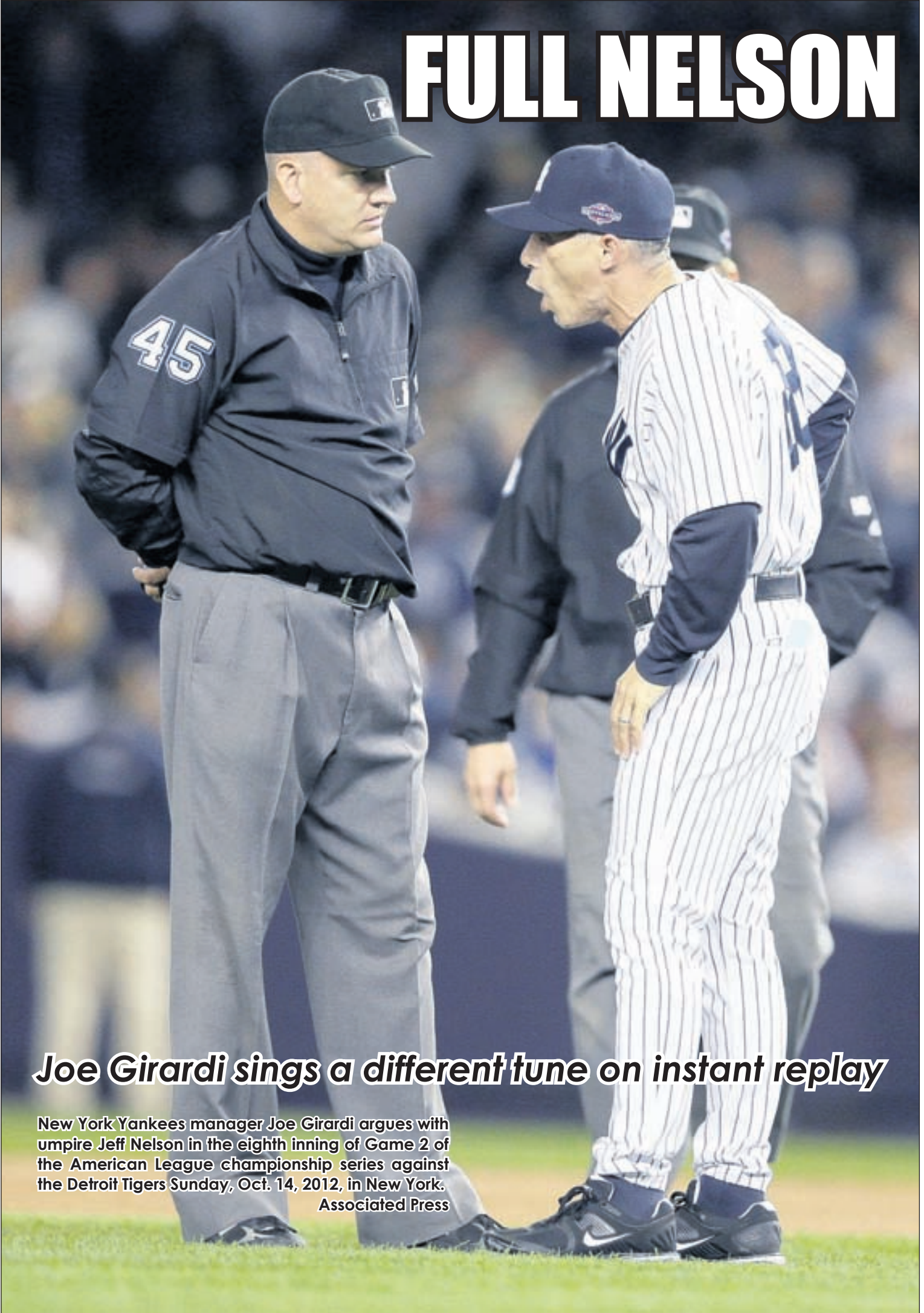


Green Bay Packers corner-back Casey Hayward (29) and free safety Morgan Burnett (42) celebrate Hayward's interception against the Houston Texans in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012 in Houston. The Packers won 42-24.
Associated Press

Rodgers throws 6 TDs in Packers' rout of Houston

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) -- Aaron Rodgers ran into the end zone, spiked the ball and performed the "championship belt" gesture that's become his trademark. A holding call wiped out the play, about the only thing that didn't go Green Bay's way in Houston on Sunday night. The reigning MVP set a career high and tied a franchise record with six touchdown passes and the Packers played their best game of their so far inconsistent season in a 42-24 rout of the previously unbeaten Texans. Jordy Nelson caught three touchdown passes and James Jones had two, including a beautiful, diving one-hander in the fourth quarter for the Packers (3-3). Tight end Tom Crabtree had the other, a 48-yarder that Rodgers released just before taking a hit from Texans' outside linebacker Brooks Reed.

Continued on Page 19



FULL NELSON

Joe Girardi sings a different tune on instant replay

New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi argues with umpire Jeff Nelson in the eighth inning of Game 2 of the American League championship series against the Detroit Tigers Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in New York.
Associated Press



Jonas Blixt, of Sweden, celebrates after sinking a 4-foot par putt to win the PGA Tour Frys.com Open golf tournament at CordeValle Golf Club, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in San Martin, Calif.

Associated Press

Sweden's Jonas Blixt wins Frys.com

SAN MARTIN, California (AP)—Sweden's Jonas Blixt won the Frys.com Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title, sinking a 4-foot putt for par on the final hole for a one-stroke victory at CordeValle.

Blixt became third PGA Tour rookie to win this season, closing with a 3-under 68 for a 16-under 268 total. He earned \$900,000 in the event. Tim Petrovic and Jason Kokrak tied for second. Petrovic had a 64, and Kokrak shot a 68.

Third-round leader John Mallinger had a 72 to share fourth at 14 under with Jimmy Walker, Vijay Singh and Alexandre Rocha. Walker closed with a 62, and Singh and Rocha shot 68.

Blixt birdied the par-5 15th and par-4 17th to pull ahead. Two strokes behind Mallinger entering the round, Blixt birdied the first holes, but gave the strokes back with bogeys on the next two. The 28-year-old former Florida State player made a birdie on the par-4 sixth, then had eight straight pars before the birdie on 15. Blixt was making his 19th PGA Tour start. He finished third last week in Las Vegas. The only other rookie winners this year are John Huh in the Mayakoba Golf Classic in February and Ted Potter Jr. in The Greenbrier Classic in July. □

State government says Lance Armstrong was worth it



In this Oct. 7, 2012, file photo, Lance Armstrong competes in the Rev3 Half Full triathlon in Elliott City, Md.

Associated Press

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—South Australia premier Jay Weatherill says his state got value for money from Lance Armstrong's participation in the Tour Down Under and the race remains prominent in cycling despite the doping allegations against the retired rider. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency released a damning report last week containing testimony from former teammates and other witnesses against Armstrong, and has ordered that he be stripped of his seven Tour de France titles. The international cycling federation is yet to indicate its next move. Armstrong made a comeback to competi-

tive cycling at the Adelaide race in 2009 and returned twice to the event.

The Australian Associated Press reported Weatherill saying the government would not ask for appearance money paid to Armstrong to be returned, and that the state had achieved its objective by increasing the profile of the race.

"It's had its profile raised. Its profile remains very prominent in the international community," Weatherill was quoted as saying Monday. "Our event stands very strongly, independent of these revelations."

"The Tour Down Under has an independent reputation for excellence among cyclists and the broader community."

Domestic media has reported the value of the race to the state economy more than doubled to \$40 million due to Armstrong's participation.

Tour Down Under race director Mike Turtur said he couldn't comment on the USADA report but he didn't think the Tour Down Under would be tarnished.

"Our race is bigger than Lance Armstrong and any rider or any team," he was quoted as saying. "It's a race now that stands on its own two feet, clearly."

Among the people impacted by the release of the USADA report was Matt White, who quit as Cycling Australia's national road coordinator and from the Orica-GreenEdge team after admitting on the weekend that he doped while a pro rider. The Australian Anti-Doping Agency said it started investigating White after becoming aware of allegations from American rider Floyd Landis about White. ASADA said it had been unable to pursue a thorough investigation of White at the time because of the USADA investigation into Armstrong. □

Barrichello to drive 3 stock car races in Brazil

SAO PAULO (AP)—Former Formula One driver Rubens Barrichello plans to compete in the final three races of the Brazilian stock car series.

Barrichello had already reached a deal to drive in the series' season finale in December, but he will also participate on Sunday in the southern city of Curitiba and in the Nov. 11 race in the capital of Brasilia. The season finale will be at Interlagos track in Sao Paulo on Dec. 9.

The decision was made after Barrichello tested with his team for the first time on Monday.

"I'm really enjoying this experience," the 40-year-old Brazilian said. "It's very different. There's almost zero



In this photo released by MF2, former Formula One driver Rubens Barrichello, from Brazil, is seen inside it's car during a training session in Curitiba, Brazil, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012.

Associated Press

visibility in a stock car, you can't even see the wheels. But I'm getting used to it."

Barrichello has said in the past that he wanted to race stock cars in Brazil after he ended his professional career abroad.

He still hasn't announced whether he will return to IndyCar in 2013. He finished 12th in the drivers' standings this year.

The Brazilian raced for a record 19 years in F1, finishing second in the drivers' championship in 2002 and 2004 with Ferrari, both times behind seven-time champion Michael Schumacher. Barrichello won 11 races in F1.

Tony Kanaan, Barrichello's IndyCar teammate this season, will also drive in the local stock car series, beginning with the race in Brasilia. □

Safarova reaches 2nd round at Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW (AP)—Eighth-seeded Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic advanced to the second round of the Kremlin Cup on Monday by beating Russian wild-card entry Margarita Gasparyan 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Safarova won five consecutive games in the first set, and then broke twice in the third before serving out the match at love.

"I met her (Gasparyan) for the first time and I didn't know whom I was playing against," Safarova said. "She was serving very well while I was a little bit down in the second, allowing her to level. But I caught my tennis right away at the beginning of the third (set) to take the set and the match. I'm happy to win tonight."

In the second round, Safarova will face fellow Czech Klara Zakopalova, who beat Alexandra Cadantu of Romania 6-3, 6-3.

Urszula Radwanska of Poland ousted 2009 champion Francesca Schiavone of Italy 6-3, 6-1.

Schiavone, the 2010 French Open winner, made an early break but lost 5 consecutive games to lose the first set. Radwanska won four straight games in the second set and closed out the match when Schiavone sent an easy forehand into the net. In the men's first round, sixth-seeded Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan rallied to beat German veteran Bjorn Phau 5-7, 7-5, 6-1. He will next face Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic, who ousted Daniel Gimeno-Traver of Spain 7-6 (9), 7-6 (2). The 43rd-ranked Istomin, who reached his second career final in San Jose in February, took a 5-0 lead in the third set and served out the match at love.

Eighth-seeded Tatsumo Ito of Japan beat Roberto Bautista-Agut of Spain 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Earlier, Sofia Arvidsson of Sweden marked her Kremlin Cup debut with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Bojana Jovanovski of Serbia. □

GRAND VICTORIA BAR & RESTAURANT

SPECIALIZE IN CHINESE AND INTERNATIONAL CUISINE



Located at the Palm Beach #184 near the traffic lights opposite the high-rise hotel, walking distance from the hotels. We have the best prices on all of our cuisines. **Call: 586-4481**



UNICASA SUPERMARKET

unicasa

Palm Beach #184 • Tel: (297) 586-8540

Open hours: Monday - Saturday 8am - 12midnight
Saturday 8am - 10pm

Has everything that you need for a good vacation. We have a wide variety of liquors and wine, beach items and much more.



After blown call, Girardi asks for expanded replay

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Joe Girardi could have used a birthday present Sunday: increased instant replay for umpires.

The Yankees manager was ejected from Game 2 of the AL championship series on his 48th birthday after arguing a pivotal missed call by second base umpire Jeff Nelson in a 3-0 loss to Detroit that left New York in a 2-0 deficit.

Nelson admitted he blew the call on second baseman Robinson Cano's tag, which should have ended the eighth inning before Detroit expanded its lead from one run to three. And Girardi still was steamed Cano was called out by Jeff Kellogg on a close play in the opener, a 6-4, 12-inning loss. "Too much is at stake. We play 235 days to get to this point, and two calls go against us," Girardi said with passion in his voice. New York was trailing 1-0 with two outs in the eighth Sunday when Austin Jackson singled with Omar Infante on first. Right fielder Nick Swisher threw to

second, where Infante had run past the base, and Cano tagged him on the chest sliding back.

"I had the tag late and

"The hand did not get in before the tag. The call was incorrect," Nelson explained.

After Boone Logan relieved,

Girardi got into a heated discussion with Nelson and was tossed. Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera followed with another single

know, when it changes the complexion of the game." Infante knew he should have been called out.

"I think the umpire got confused 'cause he saw my hand," he said. "Something with my hand made him think I was safe."

New York felt it was a turning point. "That's a monster play in that situation," Swisher said. "It's a lot different as a one-run game than it is a three-run game." Four of Girardi's five ejections this year have come in games against Detroit. He's been tossed 22 times overall, including 19 as a manager.

"In this day and age when we have instant replay available to us, it's got to change," Girardi said. "I have been thrown out of games enough to know it would be quicker to get the call right or wrong or right on replay than for me to go out there and argue."

Baseball began video review by umpires late in the 2008 season, but it is used only to determine whether potential home runs went over the fence or were fair.

□



Detroit Tigers' Omar Infante dives back into second as New York Yankees' Robinson Cano reaches to tag him in the eighth inning of Game 2 of the American League championship series Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in New York. Infante was called safe on the play by umpire Jeff Nelson.

Associated Press

the hand going into the bag before the tag on the chest," Nelson said. Then he watched the replay after the game.

pinch-hitter Avisail Garcia blooped a single to right for a 2-0 lead and Girardi returned to the mound to bring in Joba Chamberlain.

for a 3-0 lead.

"He told me let it go. He was trying to keep me in the game," Girardi said. "It's hard to let it go, you

Rodgers

Continued from Page 17

"This was an important game for us," Rodgers said. "We had a couple not go our way, games we should have won and 2-4 would have been very difficult." Rodgers completed 24 of 37 passes for 338 yards. He tied Matt Flynn's game record for TD passes, set in last year's regular-season finale against Detroit with Rodgers resting on the sideline in advance of the playoffs.

Green Bay's offense came in ranked only 21st this year. Rodgers was openly disap-

pointed in his own play, and the offensive line had also been an issue, allowing 21 sacks.

It somehow clicked against the league's third-ranked defense. The Texans had given up a total of six TD passes in their first five games.

"This is just a team that has a lot of pride in our locker room," Rodgers said. "I said it this week, there's not any quit in that locker room. It's almost better when people are doubting us a little bit, I think. We kind of band together. People tried to pull us apart this week and we stuck together and found our moti-

vation."

The Packers heard criticism from fans in Green Bay all week after blowing a 21-3 halftime lead to the Indianapolis Colts. Another loss would have dropped them to 2-4 for the first time since 2006, and they missed the playoffs that season.

Instead, they put themselves right back in the thick of their divisional race.

Arian Foster scored two touchdowns, but ran for only 29 yards for the Texans (5-1). The loss leaves the Atlanta Falcons (6-0) as the only unbeaten team in the NFL.

Houston, meanwhile, badly missed star linebacker Brian



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) and guard T.J. Lang (70) celebrate a touchdown against the Houston Texans in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in Houston.

Associated Press

Cushing, who was placed on injured reserve after tearing a knee ligament in last week's 23-17 win over

the New York Jets.

But there was more to the Texans' collapse than just that. □

Beltran, Freese hit 2-run HRs, Cards beat Giants

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- The St. Louis Cardinals' unheralded bullpen is making quite a name for itself in October right along with proven postseason stars Carlos Beltran and David Freese. A group that takes pride in being ready for anything had six relievers combine to deliver 5 1-3 scoreless innings of relief to lead the reigning World Series champions to a 6-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants in Game 1 of the NL championship series Sunday night.

"We feel like we're an asset. We don't get talked about much, and I guess that's a good thing," said right-hander Mitchell Boggs, who pitched the eighth. "We don't have big name guys. Tonight was a good night for us." Beltran and Freese did their part with two-run homers as the Cardinals built an early 6-0 cushion and held on. Only two nights earlier, the Cardinals came back from the same deficit, using a four-run rally in the ninth inning at Washington in the deciding Game 5 of the division series.



St. Louis Cardinals' Carlos Beltran (3) reacts after hitting a two-run homer in the fourth inning during Game 1 of the National League baseball championship series against the San Francisco Giants, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in San Francisco.

Associated Press

"I'm thinking about the D.C. game," Freese said. "They were up 6-0. We were up 6-0. And that shows that you've got to keep playing. ... We were fortunate enough that our bullpen came in and closed the door the rest of

the way."

Starter Lance Lynn was done after 3 2-3 innings. Edward Mujica, the fifth St. Louis pitcher, struck out the side in order in the seventh for the win, then Jason Motte finished for his second save of the postseason.

The Cardinals gave first-year manager Mike Matheny a win against his former club.

Matheny's crew hardly looked road weary after a cross-country trip. The Giants dropped to 0-3 at home so far during these playoffs, outscored 20-6 at AT&T Park.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Monday night. Chris Carpenter pitches for the Cardinals against Ryan Vogelsong.

This is the first time the previous two World Series winners are facing off in the postseason since the 1958 World Series between the Braves and Yankees.

Beltran's fourth-inning drive into the seats in left-center chased San Francisco starter Madison Bumgarner, who has been a far cry from the impressive pitcher he was during the 2010 World Series run.

It was Beltran's 14th career

postseason home run and third this October.

"Right now I'm really enjoying myself," Beltran said. "Right now I'm seeing the ball well. I feel like I have a good approach at the plate, I feel like I'm not trying to do too much, and good things are happening."

Beltran spent the second half of the 2011 season with San Francisco after a trade from the Mets, but the Giants missed the playoffs last fall a year after the capturing an improbable championship the previous season. The orange towel-waving sellout crowd of 42,534 booed him at every opportunity - during pregame introductions and each time he stepped into the batter's box.

Both teams were well rested a day after a rough night of travel. The Giants barely beat the Cardinals to the Bay Area early Saturday after they were delayed three hours on the tarmac in Cincinnati on Friday night - to refuel and for a mechanical problem after waiting out the Cardinals-Nationals game to know where they were headed next.

Matheny stuck with the same lineup that he sent out for Game 5, and some of the same faces came through again.

"They put together some better at-bats than us," Giants center fielder Angel Pagan said. "They hit some homers and were up 6-0. That's a pretty good lead in the playoffs. We tried to battle back. We did our best but it wasn't our night." Daniel Descalso, who hit a tying, two-out single in Friday's 9-7 win, added two more hits.

Descalso hit a one-out double in the fourth, then rookie Pete Kozma drove him home with a double of his own. In the ninth inning Friday, Kozma followed Descalso with a go-ahead, two-run single.

Descalso, who spends the offseason in San Francisco's Marina district, did well playing in his native Northern California.

But he was quick to praise all the pitchers out of the

pen.

"The last two games they've been huge for us, coming in early, a lot earlier than we anticipated," Descalso said. "They've been outstanding."

St. Louis 18-game winner Lynn didn't allow a hit until Marco Scutaro's single to left leading off the fourth. Hunter Pence singled two outs later and Brandon Belt drove him home with a single. Gregor Blanco followed with a two-run triple, then Brandon Crawford hit an RBI double. Pinch hitter Aubrey Huff - a 2010 postseason star now in a diminished role - drew a walk to cheers of "Aubrey! Aubrey!"

And, just like that, Lynn was done.

"The bullpen did a great job," catcher Yadier Molina said. "We struck first, and to hold that lead, we won with the bullpen."

Bumgarner and Lynn each lasted only 3 2-3 innings. That made for a long night in both pens.

Beltran and Freese each got Bumgarner with two strikes.

"I think that's been very much of a strong suit for us all season," Matheny said. "And it's a beautiful thing when these guys trust themselves when they get to two strikes. They can be a little more selective early in the count and then they're not going to panic when we do get to two strikes. I give the guys a lot of credit."

The pressure is now on for the Giants not to fall behind 2-0 at home again.

They lost the first two games of their division series here to the Reds last weekend before winning three in a row at Cincinnati. They went 48-33 at AT&T Park this season.

"We've shown how resilient we can be," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We hate to lose them at home, but it happens. And we've got to wash this one off and come out and be ready to go tomorrow."

Bumgarner, a 16-game winner for the NL West champs, lost Game 2 of the division series at home to the Reds exactly a week earlier. □

Mavs' Nowitzki misses game against Rockets

DALLAS (AP) — German forward Dirk Nowitzki missed Monday night's NBA pre-season game between the Dallas Mavericks the Houston Rockets.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle did not say whether Nowitzki is still bothered by a right knee which has been drained twice over the past month.

Nowitzki went through the team shootaround earlier in the day and worked out on an elliptical machine before the game. He didn't play in the Mavericks' loss last Tuesday against FC Barcelona Regal in Spain.

It is the same knee Nowitzki dealt with early last season. The Mavericks held their 11-time All-Star out for a four-game stretch in January to improve his game conditioning and give him time to strengthen his right knee. □



Dallas Mavericks head coach Rick Carlisle, left, stand next to Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki during an exhibition basketball game against Alba Berlin in Berlin, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012.

Associated Press

YOUR TICKET TO EVERY GAME

OCTOBER 2012
MLB PLAYOFFS / NCAA - Season
EVERY SUNDAY ALL N.F.L. GAMES
NBA - SEASON

JC'sports
 Bar & Grill
 Your Local Bar Noord 19A
 House Specials
 Local Prices

To Noord ↑

High Rise Hotel Area

(297) 5869373

Baseball and softball join up for Olympic bid

ROME (AP) — The International baseball and softball federations have signed an agreement for their joint bid to get back into the Olympics, and are proposing a shortened tournament they hope will attract major league baseball players.

The International Baseball Federation and International Softball Federation announced a memorandum of understanding Monday to move ahead with their proposed merger into one body. An eight-person joint committee will oversee the merger. Baseball and softball were voted off the Olympic program in 2005, making their last appearance at the 2008 Beijing Games. They are bidding to be reinstated for the 2020 Games.

The sports are preparing a presentation to the IOC's Olympic Program Commission in December. The merger still requires approval from the IBAF and ISF congresses.

IBAF president Riccardo Fraccari is proposing a six-day Olympic baseball tournament featuring eight teams, and would be open to having MLB players just for the semifinals and finals.

The IOC will vote in September 2013 to add one sport. Karate, roller sports, squash, sports climbing, wakeboard and wushu are also in contention. □

WNBA Finals

Fever stun Lynx in Game 1, 76-70

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
 AP Basketball Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- The Minnesota Lynx entered the WNBA Finals with a banner already hanging in Target Center and a loaded roster that had visions of becoming the league's next dynasty.

The Indiana Fever haven't backed down from a fight all postseason, and it's clear they don't plan to start now.

Erlana Larkins had 16 points and 15 rebounds and the Fever stunned defending champion Minnesota with a 76-70 victory over the Lynx in Game 1 on Sunday night.

"We've made it to this point, what's there to fear?" Larkins said. "We know they're the defending champions and they're going to bring their 'A' game. ... So what, they're the defending champs? We're here to take one." That's exactly what the Fever did - they took it.

Tamika Catchings scored 20 points for the Fever, who played without leading scorer Katie Douglas because of a sprained left ankle. They scored 15 points off of 17 Minnesota turnovers and outscored the Lynx 38-24 in the paint to become just the second visiting team this season to win at Target Center.

"We came in here without any fear," coach Lin Dunn said.

Briann January added 11 points and six assists and Erin Phillips scored 13 for Indiana.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Wednesday night in Minneapolis.

Seimone Augustus scored 23 points and Rebekkah Brunson added 10 points



Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings (24) is fouled while pushing the ball downcourt by Minnesota Lynx forward Taj McWilliams-Franklin (8) in the second half of Game 1 of the WNBA basketball Finals, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in Minneapolis. The Fever won 76-70.

Associated Press

and 10 rebounds for the Lynx, who are looking to become the WNBA's first repeat champion in 10 years. Maya Moore had 14 points and 10 boards but made just 4 of 14 shots and Lindsay Whalen managed 12 points on 4-for-12 shooting. Now they've lost home-court and trail in a series for the first time since their title run started last year.

"For some reason we didn't come out ready to play and they were," Augustus said.

Indiana led by 10 in the second quarter and withstood a furious opening to the second half by the Lynx. Minnesota looked to be taking control with an 8-0 run midway through the third that gave them a 54-50 lead and put the Fever on their heels.

But it takes more than a few jumpers in a row to shake this resilient Fever.

Indiana pulled it off with-

out Douglas, who severely sprained her left ankle early in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals in Connecticut and didn't make the trip. There is some question whether Douglas will be available at all in this series.

Losing a leading scorer normally would mean curtains for a title run, but the Fever have already shown they can overcome problems like this. They trailed each of the first two series 1-0 before rallying to win the last two games as they chase after their first title. The Fever even played their best game of the postseason after Douglas went down with the ankle injury five minutes into the game against the Sun, burying Connecticut with a barrage of 3-pointers to cruise to a 16-point victory.

They were just as strong in the finals opener early, using superior ball movement

to find wide open shots on the perimeter and cutters to the basket for easy layups. Indiana opened up a 10-point lead in the second quarter and some hard-nosed play had the Lynx flustered.

Catchings leveled guard Monica Wright with a screen and Augustus picked up a technical foul after Wright was called for a foul on the play.

"We are not here to just be in the finals," Catchings said. "We are here for a great opportunity, and both teams, we both want it bad. So every game is going to be just like this game. It's going to be tough, it's going to be hard-nosed." Just the way Larkins likes it. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound center bullied her way around the paint all night, out-muscling the Lynx front-court for position and keeping possessions alive with grit and hustle. □

Study:

HPV shots don't make girls promiscuous

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Shots that protect against cervical cancer do not make girls promiscuous, according to the first study to compare medical records for vaccinated and unvaccinated girls.

The researchers didn't ask girls about having sex, but instead looked at "markers" of sexual activity after vaccination against the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, or HPV. Specifically, they examined up to three years of records on whether girls had sought birth control advice; tests for sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy; or had become pregnant. Very few of the girls who got the shots at age 11 or 12 had done any of those over the next three years, or by the time they were 14 or 15. Moreover, the study found no difference in rates of those markers compared with unvaccinated girls.

The study involved nearly 1,400 girls enrolled in a Kaiser Permanente health plan in Atlanta. Results were published online Monday in Pediatrics.

Whether vaccination has

any influence on similar markers of sexual activity in older teens wasn't examined in this study but other research has suggested it

has been linked with anal and oral cancers in women and men.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Pre-



A teenage girl receives an HPV shot. Shots that protect against cervical cancer do not make girls promiscuous, according to the first study to compare medical records for vaccinated and unvaccinated girls.

(Photo by Sonia M. Mey-PAHO/WHO)

doesn't.

The study is the first to use medical outcomes data to examine consequences of HPV vaccination and the results are "comforting and reassuring," said lead author Robert Bednarczyk, a researcher at Kaiser and Emory University. Both institutions paid for the study.

HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer and also

vention and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend HPV shots for girls and boys at age 11 or 12, before they have ever had sex. Three doses are generally recommended over six months.

Some parents have raised concerns that the shots "are a license to have sex," but the study bolsters evidence against that concern, said

Dr. Elizabeth Alderman, an adolescent medicine specialist at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York City. She was not involved in the study. A CDC study published in January suggested that the shots don't promote sexual activity among older girls, but it relied on self-reporting, at ages 15 to 24. That's a less reliable method than the new study, Alderman said. She has been a paid speaker for Merck & Co., which makes one of the two HPV vaccines sold in the United States, but said she has no current financial ties to the company.

In the new study, at least 90 percent of vaccinated and unvaccinated girls did not seek pregnancy tests, chlamydia tests or birth control counseling, markers that were considered surrogates for sexual activity during up to three years of follow-up. Two in each group became pregnant. Chlamydia, a common sexually transmitted disease, was diagnosed in one vaccinated girl and three unvaccinated girls.

Three of the study's four co-authors reported having done previous research funded by Merck. □

Health Briefs

US: Pharmacy's other drugs may cause illnesses

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials have broadened their warning to doctors about other medicines made by a specialty pharmacy linked to a meningitis outbreak. The Food and Drug Administration took the step Monday because of reports of new illnesses that may be tied to other products made by the same company, the New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Massachusetts. Now health officials want doctors to contact patients who got any injection made by the company and warn them of the risk of infection. A steroid made by the pharmacy has been tied to a national outbreak of a rare fungal form of meningitis that has killed 15. The new reports include meningitis in a patient who got another company steroid and fungal infections in two heart transplant patients. □

Tobacco groups object to 'forced confessions': AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tobacco companies are objecting to a U.S. government proposal to make them pay for statements correcting the companies' past false claims. They call the statements "forced public confessions" and are urging a judge to reject the proposal. The statements include admissions that the companies lied about the dangers of smoking. The Justice Department says the statements need to be strong enough to protect people from future false statements made by cigarette makers. U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler has said she wants the industry to pay for corrective statements in various types of ads. She has not decided on what the statements will say. The judge in 2006 ruled that the largest U.S. cigarette makers concealed the dangers of smoking for decades. □

Abbott Labs hopeful with hepatitis C drug

NEW YORK (AP) — Abbott Laboratories said Monday that its experimental hepatitis C drug regimen cured 99 percent of patients in a midstage study with the most common and hardest-to-treat type of the disease. Patients who took a three-drug regimen and the drugs Ritonavir and ribavirin had undetectable virus levels after 12 weeks of treatment. The North Chicago, Illinois, company says it observed a 93 percent cure rate in a group of patients who were not helped by other treatments. Patients in the trial had genotype 1 hepatitis C, which is the most common type in the Western world and the hardest to

treat. The regimen did not include interferon, a standard component of hepatitis C therapy that causes flu-like side effects that can last for months. The study included 77 patients who hadn't been treated before and 41 patients who were not helped by other treatments.

Shares of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. also traded higher on promising data for a hepatitis C regimen. The company said 94 percent of patients who took a combination of three experimental drugs, daclatasvir, asunaprevir, and BMS-791325, were cured in a 12-week study. Those patients did not take interferon or ribavirin.

Hepatitis C is a virus that can lead to life-threatening liver damage and is the main cause of liver transplants in the U.S. Analysts say the market for treatments is potentially lucrative for drug-makers. More people are expected to be diagnosed with the tough-to-treat disease as the baby boomer generation ages.

After a two-decade drought, two new hepatitis C drugs were approved last year: Merck & Co.'s Victrelis and Incivek from Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Johnson & Johnson. Both significantly improve the cure rate over what has long been the standard of care, a mix of injections and pills with nasty side

effects that takes several months and still doesn't cure many patients.

Citi Investment Research analyst Yaron Werber said the study results were strong, particularly in newly diagnosed patients. However he said the regimen is complicated because it includes five different types of pills, and Ritonavir can cause serious side effects when taken with some other medications. Werber said he believes a regimen being studied by Gilead Sciences Inc. could produce similar cure rates with fewer pills. Gilead's approach uses two experimental pills, including its drug candidate sofosbuvir, as well as ribavirin. □

Kindle customers may get credit via settlements

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon has alerted its Kindle customers in the U.S. that they are entitled to a credit on prior electronic book purchases as part of settlements between some major e-book publishers and the government.

In September a federal judge approved the U.S. Justice Department's settlement with Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster, which were accused of conspiring in a price-fixing scheme.

Among other things, the agreement requires the publishers to abandon the pricing system that they had conceived with Apple before it released its iPad tablet in 2010. The publishers must also provide the funds for the Kindle credit.

"We think these settlements are a big win for our customers and look forward to lowering prices on more Kindle books in the future," the Amazon Kindle Team said in the email sent to customers.

Amazon.com Inc. told its Kindle customers over the weekend that they will be contacted when the credit is applied to their account if the court approves the settlement in February.

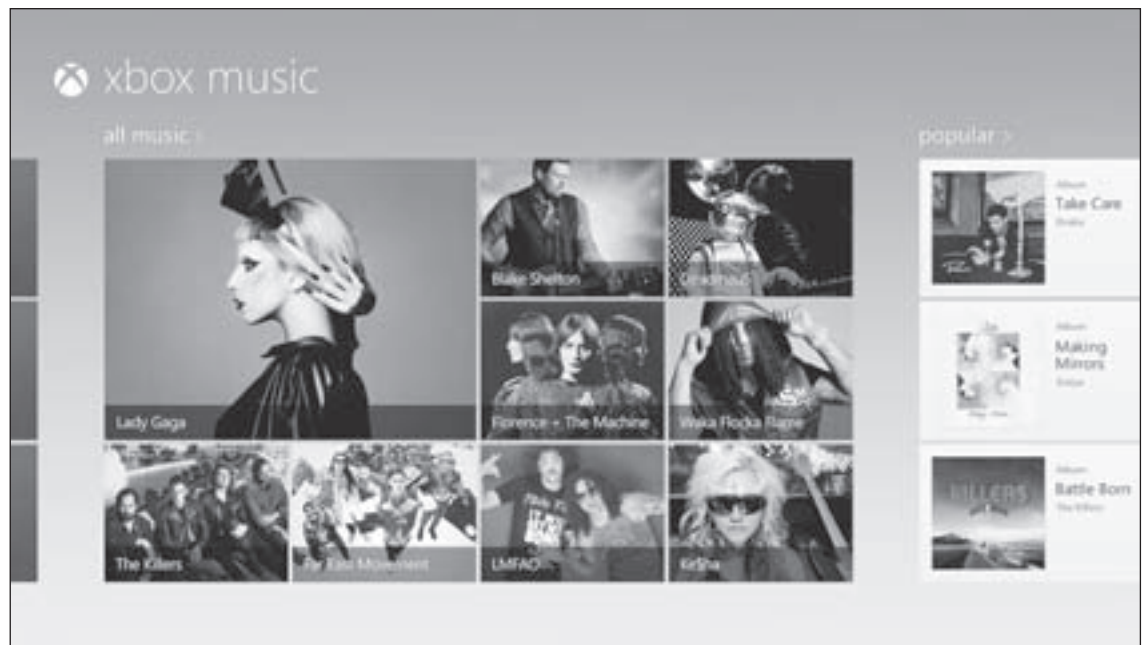
Customers don't need to do anything to receive the credit.

Amazon said that while it doesn't know the amount of the credit until the court approves the settlements, the state Attorneys Gen-



An Amazon Kindle, bottom, and a Kindle Fire are displayed on Monday, Oct. 15, 2012 in Montpelier, Vt. Associated Press

eral estimate it will be from 30 cents to \$1.32 for every eligible Kindle book purchased between April 2010 and May 2012. The credit can be used to buy e-books or print books, or customers can request a check in the amount of the credit. □



This image provided by Microsoft Corp. shows a screen image of their new service called, Xbox Music. Associated Press

Xbox Music to offer ondemand music free on tablet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Buyers of tablets that run Microsoft's newest operating system, Windows 8, are in for a pleasant musical surprise: They'll be able to handpick from a selection of millions of songs and stream them for free as long as they put up with an audio ad every 15 minutes. The new service, called Xbox Music, is not on offer anywhere else at the moment.

Sweden's Spotify, for instance, allows track selec-

tion and playback on personal computers for free — with the occasional audio ad — but doesn't allow you to pick exactly the song you want on tablets unless you pay \$10 a month for its premium subscription. Pandora's popular free online radio service also doesn't let you pick specific tracks. Although this is a step forward for the music industry, its appeal is limited by the expense of most mobile data plans. Most cost more

the more data you use, which can make streaming music on cellular networks fairly expensive.

The free version of Xbox Music won't let you download songs and save them for offline playback. That will require paying \$10 a month.

The paid subscription is also required if you want to use Xbox Music on the Xbox 360 game console or on smartphones that use Windows Phone. □

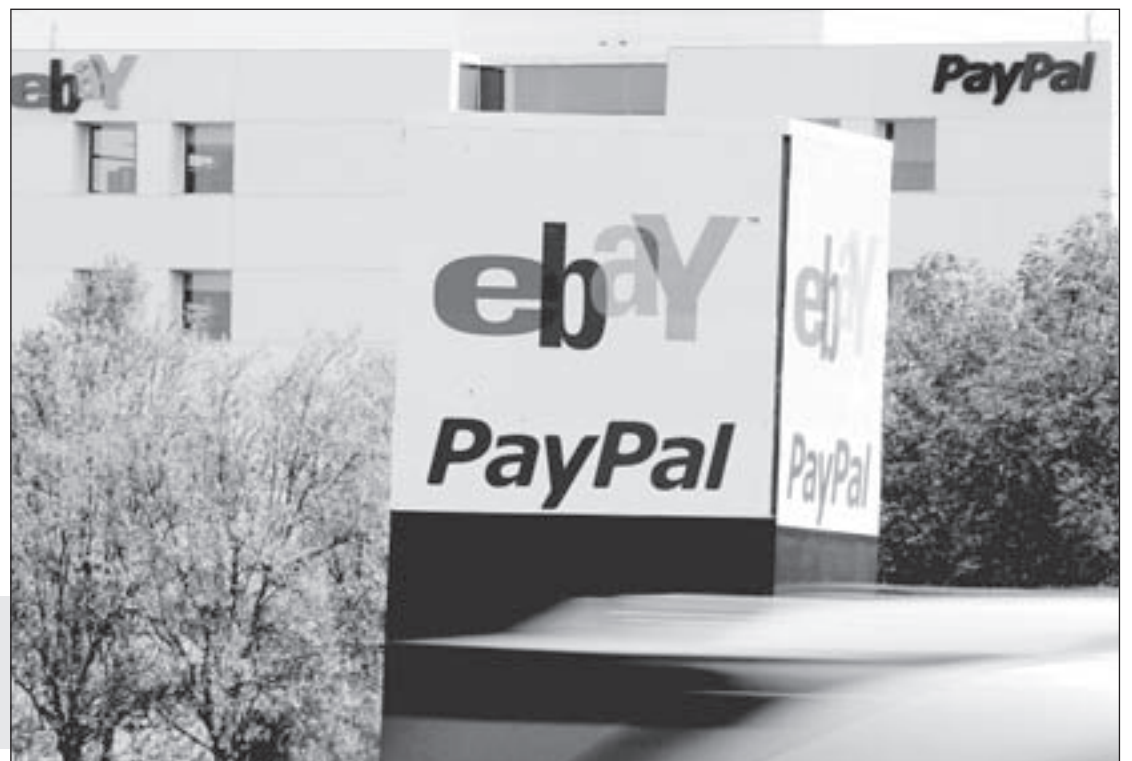
Sources: PayPal planning layoffs

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — EBay's PayPal unit is planning layoffs in the coming weeks as it tries to refocus and operate more like an agile startup than a large company, according to people familiar with the matter.

These people spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not

authorized to discuss the layoffs. Bloomberg reported on Friday that the cuts could affect as many as 400 jobs. PayPal has nearly 13,000 employees. In a statement, PayPal said on Monday it has told employees about plans to "strengthen and simplify" how it creates and delivers products. It says it has not yet discussed how these plans might affect jobs. □



In this Thursday, March 29, 2012 file photo, a vehicle drives in front of the PayPal/eBay offices in San Jose, Calif.

Associated Press

Stocks rally on consumer confidence, bank earns

JOSHUA FREED
AP Business Writer

Stocks rose on Monday after a strong gain in retail spending suggested that consumers could be getting more confident about the U.S. economy. Bank stocks rose broadly after Citigroup delivered a strong earnings report. The Dow rose 95.38 points to close at 13,424.23, its biggest gain since September 13.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 11.54 points at 1,440.13 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 20.07 points to 3,064.18. Companies that rely on consumer spending, like Lowe's, TJX Cos. and Yum Brands, rose after the government reported that retail sales rose 1.1 percent in the U.S. last month. The Commerce Department also revised August growth up to 1.2 percent, marking the two largest gains since October 2010.

Sales rose in most major categories. Electronics and appliances jumped 4.5 percent with help from the new iPhone. Sales at auto dealers increased 1.3 percent.

Building materials and garden supplies, furniture and clothing sales all gained, too.

"The retail sales numbers tell us that the economy in general, and consumer spending in particular,



A Citibank branch in New York. Citigroup reported earnings Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, that beat analysts' expectations, after stripping out one-time items like a big write-down it had to take because it got less money than it had hoped when it negotiated to sell its stake in its retail brokerage. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

probably did better than most expected in the third quarter," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Illington Advisors.

Citigroup rose \$1.91, or 5.5 percent, to \$36.66 after beating Wall Street earnings estimates.

Most other financial stocks followed Citi higher. Bank of America rose 3.5 percent, and JPMorgan Chase rose 1.8 percent. However, Wells Fargo continued to struggle after reporting a

record profit on Friday. Analysts warned it might have trouble making money on interest payments for loans. Its stock fell 1 percent on Monday, after dropping on Friday, too.

Economic figures from China helped support markets in Europe at the start of a week that could offer greater clarity on the economic fates of Greece and Spain. China's inflation rate fell to 1.9 percent in September from 2 percent the month before, reinforcing investor

hopes for more stimulus in the world's second-largest economy.

Good news for two major drugmakers boosted pharmaceutical stocks and pushed the whole health sector to the biggest gains among 10 industry groups in the S&P 500.

Eli Lilly said a potential stomach cancer treatment met goals for improved patient survival. It hasn't yet submitted the drug, ramucirumab, for

government approval.

And Abbott Laboratories said an experimental drug regimen cured 99 percent of patients with hepatitis C. Patients in the trial had genotype 1 hepatitis C, the most common type in the Western world, and the hardest to treat.

Eli Lilly rose \$2.08, or 4 percent, to \$52.53. Abbott rose \$2.77, also 4 percent, to \$72.05. Other drugmakers also rose. Pfizer and Merck rose more than 1 percent and Bristol-Myers Squibb rose 2.5 percent.

Telecommunications stocks were the only declining industry among the 10 in the S&P 500.

Travel deals website operator Travelzoo Inc. fell again after warning on Friday that its poorly-performing hotel search business will hurt third-quarter results. On Monday, its stock fell 85 cents, or 4.2 percent, to \$19.17.

Home health care provider Amedisys Inc. fell \$1.25, or 9.4 percent, to \$12.08 after saying revenue from health insurer Humana Inc. will shrink.

Investors sold government bonds and drove yields slightly higher. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose to 1.67 percent from 1.66 percent Friday.

The price of crude oil fell a penny to finish at \$91.85 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. □

NEED CASH TODAY?

PAWN OR SELL YOUR GOLD



VISIT US & COMPARE FOR YOURSELF!



JUWELENHUISJE

OPEN 10AM - 6PM MONDAY - FRIDAY



ORANJESTAD WERFSTRAAT 7 LOK. 12 TEL 588 4141 ☎ SAN NICOLAS B. V/D VEEN ZEPPENFELDSTRAAT 14 TEL 584 4141

red sail sports Caribbean Sail

Enjoy the sunset and a fantastic Caribbean buffet dinner aboard our catamaran. The sail includes steel drum music, salsa demo and open bar.

Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 pm

Book now! Via internet: www.redsailaruba.com or by phone: (+297) 586-1603



Live Music



Caribbean Cocktails



Fun with friends

Mortgage comeback? Citigroup isn't so sure

CHRISTINA REXRODE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Citigroup isn't as enthusiastic as its peers about a comeback in the housing market.

On Friday, executives at Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase declared that the long-struggling market had turned a corner. On Monday, Citigroup's top number-cruncher said he wasn't so sure.

In a conference call with reporters after the bank released its quarterly earnings, chief financial officer John Gerspach cautioned that recent history is littered with upturns in the housing market that proved short-lived.

He said that despite a few signs of stabilization in the housing market, there are "still some rather significant challenges to be faced." He warned against predictions with the uncertain presidential election and federal budget still casting a shadow.

"I don't use phrases like 'turn the corner,'" Gerspach said, referring to statements Friday from JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon and Wells Fargo finance chief Tim Sloan. "I have difficulty seeing corners sometimes, so I'm not sure what corner we may have turned."

"There's still a question in my mind about whether we've got a strong enough economy to continue sustaining the housing market," he added.

Citigroup reported earnings that beat analysts' expectations, after stripping out one-time items like a big write-down it had to take because it got less

money than it had hoped when it negotiated to sell its stake in its retail brokerage.

Investors were pleased with the results and sent the stock up more than 4 percent, rising \$1.55 to \$36.30 in afternoon trading.

Citigroup said that revenue was helped by mortgage refinancing,

the same as at Wells Fargo and JPMorgan. Some of that business, however, is fueled by government programs to encourage refinancing.

And the banks don't expect the refinancing boom to continue once interest rates start to rise, which could be as early as next year. Mortgage originations jumped 56 percent at Wells Fargo and 29 percent at JPMorgan compared with a year ago. At Citi, they fell 15 percent.

Mortgages, and the securities they were bundled into, were a scourge during the financial crisis, felling storied financial institutions that made loans that were too risky or bet that securities made of subprime mortgages would keep rising.

The banks' mortgage units are still a magnet for lawsuits and regulatory charges. In August, Citigroup agreed to settle lawsuits from shareholders who said the bank didn't properly warn them of its exposure to risky subprime debt.

Citigroup also reported Monday that it had to set aside more money in case it has to buy back more mortgages from investors who bought them in the run-up to the financial crisis, and now feel ripped off. □

Softbank to buy 70% of Sprint for \$20.1B

PETER SVENSSON

YURI KAGEYAMA

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sprint, the No. 3 cellphone company in the U.S., is selling a controlling stake to Japan's Softbank for \$20.1 billion.

The deal, announced Monday in Tokyo, positions Sprint Nextel Corp. as a stronger competitor to U.S. market leaders Verizon Wireless and AT&T, but it doesn't solve all of the company's underlying problems.

Sprint, which is based in Overland Park, Kan. has been limping along since 2005, when it bought Nextel. The merger quickly turned sour, saddling Sprint with the cost of running two incompatible networks while customers fled.

Softbank Corp., a holding company with investments in Internet and telecom businesses, made its own

venture into the wireless world in 2005, with the acquisition of Vodafone Japan. It turned that business around, giving President



Softbank Corp. President Masayoshi Son, left, and Sprint Nextel Corp. Chief Executive Dan Hesse shake hands during their joint press conference in Tokyo Monday, Oct. 15, 2012.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

Masayoshi Son the confidence that he can make Sprint a profitable company again after five straight

years of losses. Sprint CEO Dan Hesse has laid the groundwork for a turnaround — the company's reputation for customer service has improved during his tenure. But his efforts haven't had an immediate impact on profitability. On its own, the company would have a hard road ahead, as it pays for both a network revamp and \$15.5 billion in iPhones from Apple. Under the deal, Sprint shareholders can turn in 55 percent of their shares to Softbank in exchange for \$7.30 per share. Sprint shares were up just 3 cents at \$5.76 in morning trading Monday, suggesting that investors had accurately pegged the value of the transaction last week, when they sent the stock up 14 percent based on reports of talks between Softbank and Sprint. □

LVMH sales rise 15% in Q3 to \$8.95B

PARIS (AP) — French luxury conglomerate LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton saw its revenue increase strongly in the third quarter, driven by its retail operations in developing countries.

The company behind Louis Vuitton luggage and the Givenchy fashion label said Monday that sales were up 15 percent to €6.9 billion (\$8.95 billion) for the July through September period. All of its business groups saw gains in the third quarter.

Sales in LVMH's selective retailing business, which includes luxury malls and the Sephora cosmetic superstores, rose 20 percent.

The company said that selective retailing was mak-



French actress Berenice Bejo, left, and luxury goods group LVMH CEO Bernard Arnault attend the presentation of Vuitton's ready to wear Spring-Summer 2013 collection, in Paris. conglomerate LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton saw its revenue increase strongly in the third quarter, driven by its retail operations in developing countries.

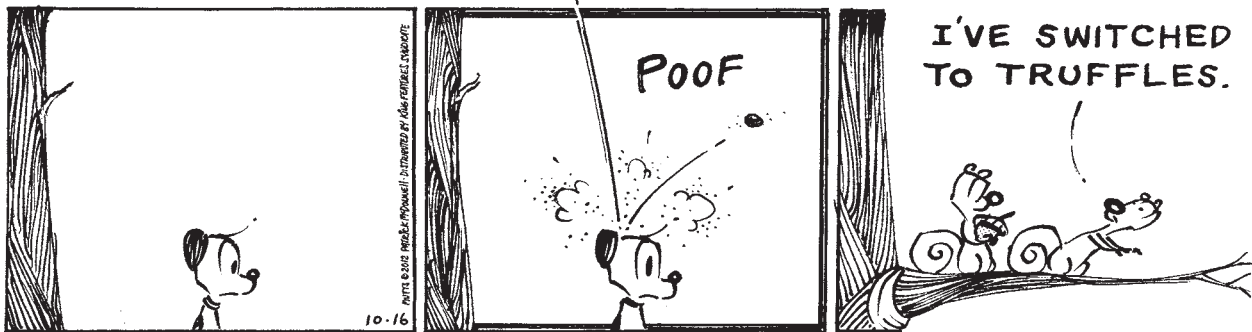
(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

ing especially strong gains in China and Russia.

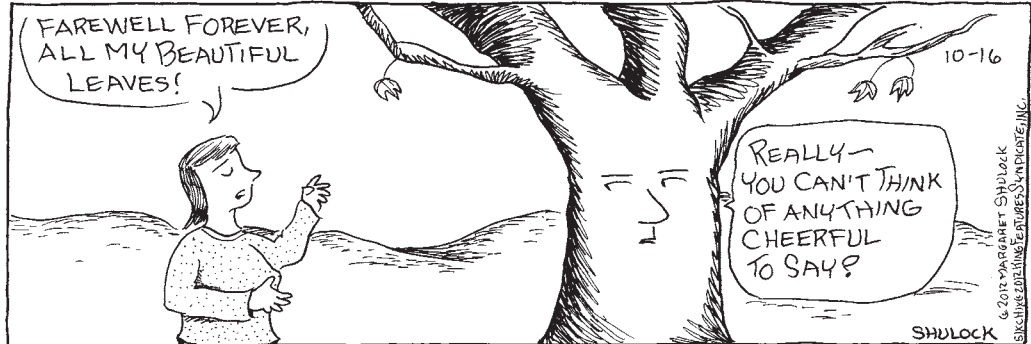
LVMH, along with other luxury groups, has managed to shrug off the global

economic crisis, thanks to brands such as Louis Vuitton handbags and Hennessy cognac continuing to attract wealthy customers. □

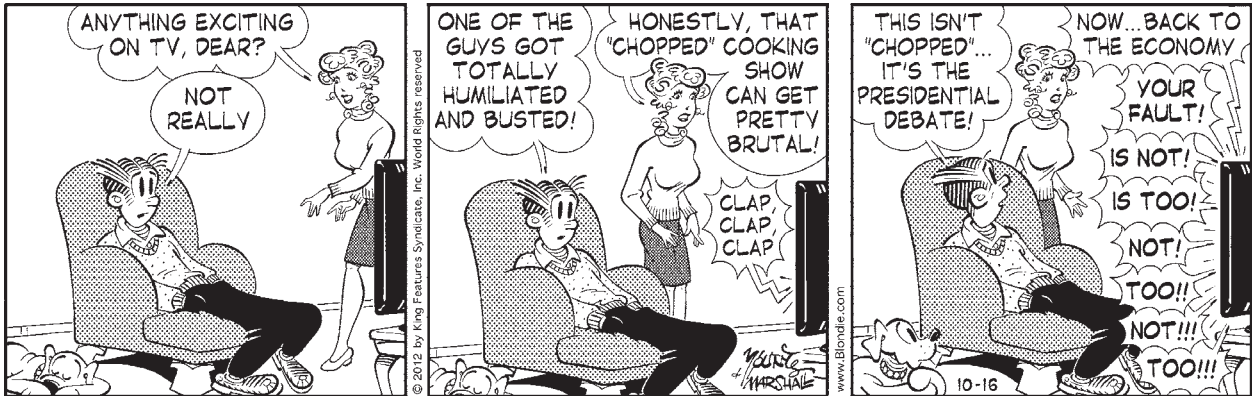
Mutts



6 Chix



Blondie



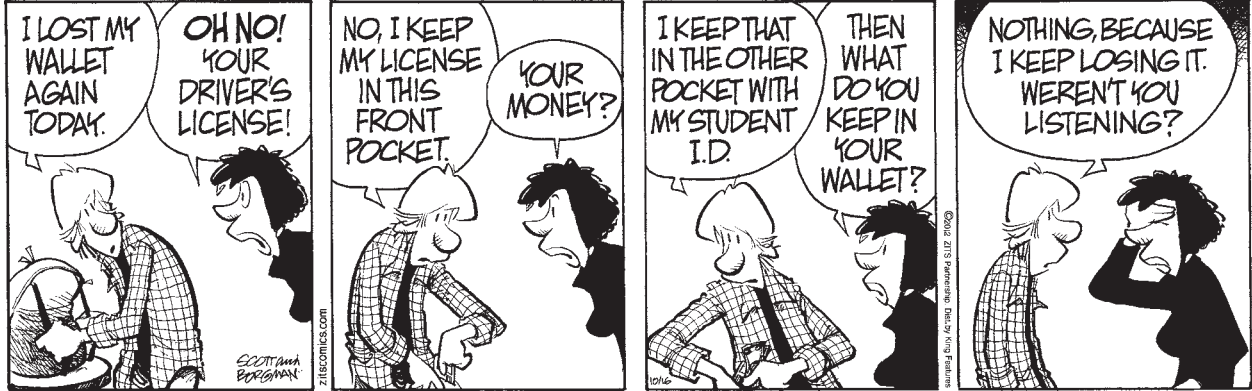
Mother Goose & Grimm



Baby Blues



Zits



Conceptis Sudoku

	6		7	2		9	
	5			4		2	
8							1
5				8			4
	4		6		3	1	
7				9			2
9							7
	7			6		4	
	2		8	4		5	

Difficulty Level ★★

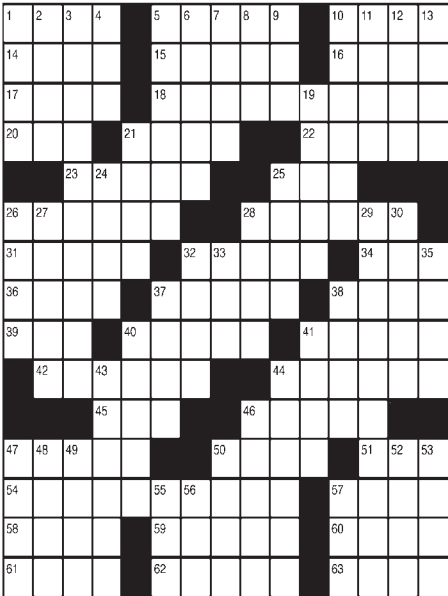
10/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

3	1	8	7	4	9	2	6	5
2	5	6	3	1	8	9	4	7
7	9	4	5	6	2	8	1	3
8	6	7	1	9	5	4	3	2
9	2	5	4	3	6	7	8	1
1	4	3	2	8	7	6	5	9
4	7	2	8	5	3	1	9	6
6	3	1	9	2	4	5	7	8
5	8	9	6	7	1	3	2	4

ACROSS

- 1 Failures
- 5 Drive too fast
- 10 Fail to include
- 14 Huge continent
- 15 Enraged
- 16 Relinquish
- 17 Examination
- 18 Dodgers' home
- 20 St. Joan of
- 21 Period before Easter
- 22 _ once; suddenly
- 23 In debt
- 25 Premium cable channel letters
- 26 Leap about
- 28 Lopsided
- 31 "La Traviata" or "Aida"
- 32 Gravy
- 34 Compete
- 36 Deuce or king
- 37 Smelly animal
- 38 Encounter
- 39 Hardware store chain
- 40 Put liquor in the punch
- 41 Zodiac sign
- 42 Reviewed text before printing
- 44 Deep valley
- 45 In a _; all lined up
- 46 Rejuvenate
- 47 House of snow
- 50 Autry or Barry
- 51 Stylish
- 54 Indirect
- 57 Alpha's follower
- 58 Opening bet
- 59 Discontinue
- 60 Mine car loads
- 61 Requirement
- 62 Spud
- 63 Jewels



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

10/16/12

Monday's Puzzle Solved

BURST	STAB	OV	AL
IRENE	TOGA	PAGE	
AGAIN	ETON	PLEA	
SELFSAME	GROUND		
FIGS	PLANETS		
CARSON	SIEGE		
OWE	NEPAL	ENVOY	
DEEP	SAFER	TIDE	
ADLIB	CESAR	CON	
LOSES	METERS		
WETLAND	SPAR		
AVIATE	DISPATCH		
TANG	ERIN	IDAHO	
EDGE	RACE	NEXUS	
REED	SPEW	GRIME	

(c) 2012 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

10/16/12

DOWN

- 1 Facts & figures
- 2 _-friendly; easy to learn
- 3 Found
- 4 Took a load off one's feet
- 5 Saying nothing
- 6 Fork time
- 7 Orient
- 8 Greek letter
- 9 Scout group
- 10 Spotted wildcat
- 11 Pell-; in wild disarray
- 12 Thought
- 13 SAT, for one
- 19 Clark _; Rhett Butler portrayer
- 21 Italy's dollar before the euro
- 24 "Mum's the _!"
- 25 Bumpkin
- 26 _-Cola; popular pop
- 27 Quickly
- 28 Melody
- 29 In all places
- 30 San _ Padres
- 32 Slide sideways on the road
- 33 Black-and-white diving bird
- 35 Prestigious British school
- 37 Gush forth
- 38 Dig for ore
- 40 Got up
- 41 Weathercock
- 43 Smoothed away wrinkles
- 44 Middle
- 46 Find a new purpose for
- 47 Nation in the Middle East
- 48 No longer here
- 49 Old stringed instrument
- 50 Billy or nanny
- 52 Article; thing
- 53 Go by
- 55 Performance
- 56 Actress Arthur
- 57 Marsh

TV debates that sell more than just drama

DAVID CARR

© 2012 New York Times

In 1960, John F. Kennedy was trailing Richard Nixon as they stepped into the crucible of the first nationally televised debate. While Kennedy soared, Nixon stumbled and never recovered.

Network television played a definitive role, but those were very different times. There were three networks, not 500 channels, and the consumer Internet was still very much on the drawing board of the future.

Half a century later, televised debates remain relevant, but the ritual is up against an always-on informational stream that surges with political messages. Television is packed full of political ads from the \$2.5 billion being spent on the presidential election, coverage is up to the second on cable news and social media followings on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have surged tenfold since 2008. Against this backdrop, a traditional debate would seem far less consequential. By this point, voters have already been targeted, persuaded and tallied.

Except for this: 67.2 million viewers tuned into the first debate, according to Nielsen, making it second only to the Super Bowl so far this year. That's a mind-blowing level of tune-in. More to the point, Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee, clobbered President Barack Obama and in the sort of shift that political operatives dream about, moved 4 to 6 points in the polls.

Ratings sometimes go up in the second and third rounds of the debate cycle, and given the kind of Frazier-Ali hype surrounding this matchup, there is no telling how many people will watch Round 2 at Hofstra University on Tuesday night.

How is it that a ritual as old as Lincoln-Douglas – or Socrates versus Gorgias, if you want to go all the way back to the Greeks – was able to move the needle

at a time when audiences are so fragmented?

Credit live-event television, the last remaining civic common in an atomized world. While ratings for al-

chose to see for themselves.)

"Television is about drama, whether it is the Olympics, the Super Bowl, or 'Home-

land,' and these debates assessment. "It just proves the adage that if you put on a good show, and both of these debates have been very good television, the audiences are going to be there."

Modern political campaigns seek to control every aspect of the process, but there is not much operatives can do once their candidate is onstage. Audiences watch to see who wins, which is about as primal as the news media gets.

"Televised debates still provide something no other medium can, which is a head-to-head comparison that allows for back-and-forth," said Matthew J. Dickinson, a professor of political science at Middlebury College who has a blog on elections called Presidential Power. Dickinson said that analysis after the Obama-Romney debate indicated that the audience was equally divided between Republicans and Democrats, which suggests the debate was a rare instance in which the body politic was all looking at the same thing. □



Patrons watch the first presidential debate at the Town Tavern in Washington, Oct. 3, 2012. Big televised spectacles that hold some promise of spontaneity thrive as other program ratings drop, and despite the constant stream of political messages that voters have been subjected to, 67.2 million viewers watched the first debate on television.

(James Hill/The New York Times)

most everything on television have sunk, big spectacles that hold some promise of spontaneity – NFL games, the Olympics and various singing competitions – continue to thrive. The first debate drew more than 70 million viewers when you count all platforms, including Web streaming, breaking a 32-year-old record in viewership for presidential debates and reminding all of us that television can tilt the rink like no other medium. (Viewership for the first debate surpassed the same event in 2008 by 28 percent, suggesting that even though we've been told everyone has already made up their minds, many

have provided incredibly great drama," said Jeff Zucker, former chief executive of NBC Universal, including Thursday's vice-presidential debate in his

Tel: 582-0697 / 583-7484
Schotland str. 70

Extend your Stay at
Quality Apartments

*Studio & Loft Apts.

*Kitchen / Airco / Cable TV

Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach & 4 large supermarkets.

Feel free to contact or visit us.

Mon - Fri: 8am-7pm. Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm.



FOR SALE



Century 21
Best & Solid Real Estate

Esmeralda 17
4 bedrooms with pool and apartment.

This lovely home in North has a spacious lay out, an U shape property with a swimming pool in the middle. Total construction 305m² plus wooden deck of 21m², on 605m² land. With luxury kitchen with built-ins, carport, alarm system and storage area.

US \$ 549.000,-

Palm Beach 4-G
Tel.: 586 4242
www.arubahouses.com

Classifieds

FOR RENT

Time Shares wk 40,
10/6 to 10/13

Aruba Beach Club Rm128 ,
sleeps 4, 2 queen beds recently
remodeled, low mfees \$461 below
mkt price \$3950
Local cel. 565-9394 till 10/6
E-mail: rmwjmw@aol.com
US 508-651-0016

197173



**DOCTOR
ON DUTY
ORANJESTAD**

16 October

Dr. Velasquez

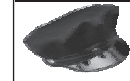


**Pharmacy on duty
ORANJESTAD:**

Botica Serv. Noord Tel: 586-4606

SAN NICOLAAS:

Botica Aloe Tel: 584-4606



Police

Police	581-1100
Oranjestad	582-4000
Noord	587-0009
Sta. Cruz	585-4710
Savaneta	584-7000
San Nicolas	584-5000

**Emergency
Numbers**



Emergency	911
Police	100
Fire Dept.	115
Fire Dept. II	582-1108
Police Tipline	11141
Hospital	527-4000

Oranjestad

Ambulance	582-1234
Police	582-4000

San Nicolas

Ambulance	584-5050
Police Station	584-5000
BGD San Nicolas	584-1606
Valero Security	584-1720

Services

Information	118
Setar	582-5151
Taxi	582-2116
Taxi- Tas	587-5900
Profesional Taxi	588-0035
Taxi D.T.S.	587-2300
Service Aruba	583-3232

CRUISE SHIP



**Oct. 17 Ocean Dream
Statendam**

Prince Albert II (1st call)

Aruba Airport	Tel: 524-2424
American Airlines	Tel: 582-2700
Avianca	Tel: 588-0059
Dutch Antilles	Tel: 588-1900
Insel Air	Tel: 588-9314
Jet Blue	Tel: 588-2244
Spirit Airlines	Tel: 582-7117
Suriname Airways	Tel: 582-7896
Tiara Air	Tel: 588-4272
Venezolana	Tel: 583-7674

Foundation

Fellowship Clinic

Tel: 584-6440

Alcoholism & Drug Addiction,
Anonymity guaranteed

**Foundation Anti-Droga
Aruba**

(FADA) Tel: 583-2999

Foundation

Respetami

Tel: 582-4433

Diabetic Foundation

Arubano

Tel: 583-3808

Narcotics Anonymous

Tel: 583-8989

Foundation Amor

pa Prohimo

Tel: 583-3354 / 586-6976

Women in Difficulties

Foundation

Tel: 583-5400

Rocking at 50: Rolling Stones to tour again

DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — You can't always get what you want — but if your desire is to attend a Rolling Stones concert this might be your lucky day.

The legendary band said Monday it would return to the stage this year with four concerts in Britain and the United States. The shows will take place on Nov. 25 and 29 at London's O2 Arena, followed by gigs on Dec. 13 and 15 at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, just outside of New York.

The shows mark the first time in five years that the Stones have performed live, with Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood all coming together once more. The band said it was the "crowning glory" of celebrations marking its 50th anniversary of its first gig.

"Everybody loves a celebration, and London and New York are two good places to do it in!" Jagger said in a statement.

The Stones have sold more than 200 million records, with hits including "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," "Street Fighting Man" and "You Can't Always Get



This Thursday, July 12, 2012 file photo shows, from left, Charlie Watts, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Mick Jagger, from the British Rock band, The Rolling Stones, as they arrive at a central London venue, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Rolling Stones first performance.

Associated Press.

What You Want."

But in recent years much of their income has come from touring. Their last global tour, "A Bigger Bang," earned more than \$500 million between 2005 and 2007.

Their legions of fans will hear era-defining tracks such as "Gimme Shelter," "Jumping Jack Flash," "Tumbling Dice," "It's Only Rock and Roll," plus a few surprises

and other classics from GRRR!, the multiformat album coming out in November.

"GRRR!" is a greatest hits collection that includes two new songs "Doom and Gloom" and "One More Shot," recorded recently in Paris — the first new recordings since the 2005 album "A Bigger Bang."

The band promises an all-new, custom-built set de-

sign, featuring the tongue and floppy lip logo, that will "reach out into the crowd." A wider tour is not planned, though the Dec. 15 performance will be available on pay per view.

The tour comes despite some famously testy times. Richards and Jagger have been creative catalysts and sparring partners — sentiments aggravated two years ago when Richards

published his autobiography "Life."

They've nonetheless appeared amicably together during events that marked their 50th anniversary. A documentary about the band, "Crossfire Hurricane," premieres at the London Film Festival on Thursday.

In another milestone marking their five decades of music, the Museum of Modern Art in New York will host "The Rolling Stones: 50 Years on Film," a retrospective chronicling the band from the mid-1960s until today. This exhibition will be open Nov. 15. □



Reality TV star and former pro wrestler Hulk Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea, looks on as his attorney speaks during a news conference Monday, Oct. 15, 2012 at the United States Courthouse in Tampa, Fla.

Associated Press

Hulk Hogan to file lawsuits over sex tape

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Reality TV star and former pro wrestler Hulk Hogan is suing a Tampa Bay-based disc jockey, the DJ's ex-wife and a New York media group over a sex tape.

According to a news release from Hogan's publicist, two lawsuits will be discussed during a news conference Monday afternoon near the federal courthouse in Tampa.

Hogan says he was secretly taped six years ago having sex with the ex-wife of DJ Bubba "The Love Sponge" Clem. Portions of the video of Hogan and Heather Clem were posted on the online gossip site Gawker. Hogan has sent a cease-and-desist letter to Gawker. Hogan's real name is Terry Bollea. □

Usher in London: the Peter Pan of R&B turns 34

LOUISE DIXON
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — R&B star Usher says he still feels 21, despite just celebrating his 34th birthday.

The singer "danced all night" in London with a host of British singing talent Saturday night before his birthday Sunday, including Leona Lewis, Tinie Tempah, Dizzee Rascal and JLS star Ortise Williams. But Usher says that's not where the party is going to end.

"It's really going to be a party celebration week as opposed to weekend," he said.

In London to promote the

computer game "Dance Central 3" for Xbox, Usher also talked about his recent decision to put his European tour dates on hold in order to "do something really creative."

The American R&B star is joining the judging panel on the American talent show "The Voice," a role he can't wait to fill.

"I haven't really had the chance to show people what I do behind the scenes in regards to mentoring, so this will kind of give you a different perspective" about me, he told The Associated Press.

Aside from designing vid-

eo games and mentoring young hopefuls, Usher just premiered a new music video for his latest single "Numb."

It opens with real-life footage of the singer controversially walking off stage partway through his Berlin gig last year and features him dancing in a glass box.

"You know, I live my life in a glass box and every move, everything that I do is kind of speculated or either spoken about in some way and I never really can speak about it myself," he said.

"This kind of gave me the opportunity to open up and just be vulnerable."



Usher waves to the crowd after performing onstage at "We Will Always Love You: A Grammy Salute to Whitney Houston," at Nokia Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

"Numb" is the latest single from the R&B star's "Looking 4 Myself" album. □

Before Facebook, there was Manet, painting friends

JOHN SEEWER

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Long before smartphones turned so many of us into amateur photographers and revolutionized how we depict each other through social media, there were the works of French Impressionist Edouard Manet.

Known for portraits of friends and celebrities of his era, the painter often called "the first modern artist" came of age during the mid-1800s when photography first became available to the public.

He even kept his own collection of photos of the subjects he painted.

Manet's portraits and how they were influenced by photography are the focus of "Manet: Portraying Life" at the Toledo Museum of Art, the only U.S. museum to host the exhibition before it moves to The Royal Academy of Arts in London next winter.

The show that opened this month and runs through the end of the year features 40 paintings from public and private collections, including some of his best-known works. Instead of as-

sembling a retrospective of Manet's works, the two museums chose portraits that would open the discussion of what impact photogra-

It is the first time a Manet (1832-1883) exhibit has looked solely at his portraits, said Nichols, the museum's curator of European and



Brian Kennedy, director of the Toledo Museum of Art, poses in front of a portrait of French Impressionist Edouard Manet, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, in Toledo, Ohio. An exhibition of Manet's works opened this month and runs through the end of the year before moving onto the Royal Academy of Arts in London.

Associated Press

phy had on Manet's paintings.

"We're not suggesting an exact reliance on photography, but this was a new medium in the era that he's painting and it was very important," said co-curator Lawrence Nichols.

American painting and sculpture before 1900. The museum's own collection includes Manet's portrait of a childhood friend who wrote extensively about the artist.

The works include straightforward portraits of men

in top hats and women in flowing dresses. There are others that illustrate the change in around his home in Paris, revealing social unrest and the Industrial Revolution.

Sprinkled throughout the exhibition are photos of his subjects — some are original and others are digitized from an album Manet kept — to give insight into how he interpreted the people he painted. In one photo, the tie and beard of a man bears a noticeable similarity to one of his paintings.

"He had images in his life beyond the paintings he made," Nichols said.

About half of Manet's entire works, which rank among the greatest of the Impressionist movement, were portraits or scenes from everyday life.

Some of the portraits in the show evoke the photos that we see today on social networking sites like Facebook — they're small and straightforward yet reveal something personal about each subject.

And they reveal how we record and connect with each other.

The proliferation of images

now is similar to what was happening during Manet's time when the camera made portraits ubiquitous, he said.

These are ideas that the century-and-a-half old paintings can convey to a modern audience, Nichols said.

"This is very much about 2012 and what it means to conceive of yourself, to be perceived by someone else," he said.

Manet's portraits are spread throughout eight galleries into the museum. The exhibit neatly flows into another show featuring nearly 100 mostly black and white photographs of Hollywood legends from the 1920s to the 1960s.

Outside the hall, there are 700 Facebook-like images of community members, museum volunteers and staff.

"These threads together make it very contemporary," said Toledo Museum Director Brian Kennedy. "The prints and photos take us back literally through time to Manet. It covers all the various ways people use various media to represent each other." □

Dear Digital Diary: 'Wimpy Kid' e-books coming



This image released by Abrams Books for Young Readers shows the animated character Greg Heffley from the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book series.

Associated Press

HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The "Wimpy Kid" is returning to his digital roots.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" creator Jeff Kinney, a major e-holdout among children's authors, has agreed to make his illustrated, top-

selling series about the trials of middle schooler Greg Heffley available electronically.

"The decision came after a lot of thought and deliberation," Kinney said during a recent telephone interview. "I am very excited about this. It feels like the

time is right."

The first six volumes of "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid" are coming out Oct. 30 as e-books. The new novel, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel," comes out simultaneously as a hardcover and an e-book on Nov. 13.

In the post-Harry Potter era, few series have been as popular with young people as the "Wimpy Kid" books. According to Amulet Books, an imprint of Abrams, more than 75 million copies are in print worldwide. Even with an e-edition coming out, Abrams CEO and president Michael Jacobs says the first printing of the new book will be the same as for the previous one — 6 million hardcovers, likely the highest for any release of 2012 and far more than the 3.5 million copies Dis-

ney announced for Rick Riordan's latest, "The Mark of Athena."

"We see this as a multiple purchase. Kids will want the e-books in addition to the hardcovers," Jacobs says. "If they're in a car for instance, they'll read the books on their e-book device, or on their parents' e-book device."

Kinney noted that his books actually were born online. He initially published his stories for free on the educational Web site www.funbrain.com, back in 2004, when the e-book market was almost non-existent. Millions of kids read his work and the first hardcover, simply titled "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," was released commercially in 2007.

The digital market for children's books remains smaller than for adult books, but

sales and technology have improved enough to convince everyone from Rowling to the authors and publishers of such enduring series as "Clifford the Big Red Dog" and "The Berenstain Bears" to permit electronic editions.

Kinney's reasons for waiting mirror the objections many authors have had. He had philosophical concerns, believing that kids should have the "tactile" experience of holding books in their hands. And he didn't think the devices were adequate for the drawings that accompany and help define his narratives.

But, like Jacobs, he believes that e-books will complement hardcovers, rather than replace them. And he appreciated the proliferation and improvements of iPads, □

Bachmann Family Values



FRANK BRUNI

© 2012 New York Times

MINNEAPOLIS — There are many people who are hurt by Michele Bachmann's divisive brand of politics, but perhaps none in quite the way that Helen LaFave is.

The two women once shared confidences. They're family. Some 40 years ago, Michele's mother married Helen's father, and when Michele was in college, the house she returned to in the summer was the one where Helen, then finishing high school, lived. Helen craved that time together.

"I remember laughing with her a lot," she told me in an interview Thursday in her home here. She remembers Michele's charisma and confidence, too. "I looked up to Michele."

As the years passed they saw much less of each other, but when their paths crossed, at large family gatherings, there were always hugs. Helen was at Michele's wedding to Marcus Bachmann and got to know him. And Michele got to know Nia, the woman who has been Helen's partner for almost 25 years.

Helen never had a conversation about her sexual orientation with Michele and knew that Michele's evangelical Christianity was deeply felt. Still she couldn't believe it when, about a decade ago, Michele began to use her position as a state senator in Minnesota to call out gays and lesbians as sick and evil and to push for an amendment to the Minnesota constitution that would prohibit same-sex marriage: precisely the kind of amendment that Minnesotans will vote on in a referendum on Election Day.

"It felt so divorced from having known me, from having known somebody who's gay," said Helen, a soft-spoken woman with a gentle air. "I was just stunned."

And while she never doubted that Michele was being true to her private convictions, she couldn't comprehend Michele's need to make those convictions so public, to put them in the foreground of her political career, and to drive a wedge into their family.

She told Michele as much, in a letter dated Nov. 23, 2003. She sent copies to her four siblings, her father and one of Michele's brothers, and kept one herself. In the letter she described her "hurt and disappointment that my stepsister

is leading this charge."

"You've taken aim at me," Helen wrote to Michele. Referring to Nia, she added: "You've taken aim at my family."

Michele, she said, never acknowledged the letter in any way.

Helen lives a quieter life than Michele. She's 52 and works as a communications manager for a Minneapolis suburb. Nia, 55, is a physical therapist.

They never hid their relationship from their families, Nia said, though they also didn't force long-winded discussions about homosexuality. Their philosophy, she said, was simply to "put it out there, show 'em who we are and love 'em where they're at, and everything will fall into place." Their goal was one of "killing them with kindness."

They thought that was happening. At get-togethers, Nia received hugs from Michele, who traded an "I love you" with Helen, as the two always had.

But in between Michele's election to the state Senate in 2000 and her upgrade to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006, she nabbed attention and amassed a fan base among religious extremists with her homophobic pronouncements.

She publicly described homosexuality as "personal enslavement," referred to the heartache of having "a member of our family" who was gay and suggested that gays and lesbians wanted to recruit impressionable youngsters, saying: "It is our children that is the prize for this community."

When Michele spoke at a state Senate hearing in 2006 about her desire for a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage, Helen showed up, along with several relatives who supported her.

"I wasn't looking to make a public statement," she told me. "I just thought: I'm going to go there and sit there so she has to look at me. So she has to look at Nia. I wanted her to see: This is who you're doing this to. It's not some anonymous group of people. It's not scary people. It's me. It's Nia." She paused, because she'd begun to sob.

"I just wanted her to see me," she said, "because it just feels, through the whole thing, like she hasn't." Michele, now waging an unexpectedly tight re-election campaign for her House seat, didn't respond to a request for an interview for this column.

She and Helen have seen each other at family events twice in the last year or so, Helen said, but Helen hasn't insisted on a talk, because it seems pointless to her. On one of those occasions, she recalled, Michele said "I love you," and Helen said it back. But Helen's more confused by that than ever. As a congresswoman, Michele got tickets to President Barack Obama's inauguration and gave a pair to Helen and Nia, knowing they're Democrats and had rooted for him. Helen thought that was kind, if not necessarily encouraging.

She hopes to marry Nia in Minnesota someday. □



Her 'Crime' Was Loving Schools



NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

© 2012 New York Times

Twice the Taliban threw warning letters into the home of Malala Yousafzai, a 14-year-old Pakistan girl who is one of the world's most persuasive advocates for girls' education. They told her to stop her advocacy — or else.

She refused to back down, stepped up her campaign and even started a fund to help impoverished Pakistani girls get an education. So, on Tuesday, masked gunmen approached her school bus and asked for her by name. Then they shot her in the head and neck.

"Let this be a lesson," a spokesman for the Pakistani Taliban, Ehsanullah Ehsan, said afterward. He added that if she survives, the Taliban would try to kill her again. Surgeons have removed a bullet from Malala, and she remains unconscious in critical condition in a hospital in Peshawar. A close family friend, Fazal Moula Zahid, told me that doctors are hopeful that there has been no brain damage and that she will ultimately return to school.

"After recovery, she will continue to get an education," Fazal said. "She will never, never drop out of school. She will go to the last."

"Please thank all your people who are supporting us and who stand with us in this war," he added. "You energize us."

The day before Malala was shot, far away in Indonesia, another 14-year-old girl seeking an edu-

cation suffered from a different kind of misogyny. Sex traffickers had reached out to this girl through her Facebook profile, then detained her and raped her for a week. They released her after her disappearance made the local news.

When her private junior high school got wind of what happened, it told her she had "tarnished the school's image," according to an account from Indonesia's National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The school publicly expelled her — in front of hundreds of classmates — for having been raped.

These events coincide with the first international Day of the Girl on Thursday, and they remind us that the global struggle for gender equality is the paramount moral struggle of this century, equivalent to the campaigns against slavery in the 19th century and against totalitarianism in the 20th century.

Here in the United States, it's easy to dismiss such incidents as distant barbarities, but we have a blind spot for our own injustices — like sex trafficking. Across America, teenage girls are trafficked by pimps on websites like Backpage.com, and then far too often they are treated by police as criminals rather than victims. These girls aren't just expelled from school; they're arrested.

Jerry Sandusky's sex abuse of boys provoked outrage. But similar abuse is routine for trafficked girls across America, and local authorities often shrug with indifference in the same way some people at Penn State evidently did. We also don't appreciate the way incidents like the attack on Tuesday in Pakistan represent a broad argument about whether girls deserve human rights and equality of education. Malala was a leader of the camp that said "yes." After earlier aspiring to be a doctor, more recently she said she wanted to be a politician — modeled on President Barack Obama, one of her he-

roes — to advance the cause of girls' education.

Pakistan is a country that has historically suffered from timid and ineffectual leadership, unwilling to stand up to militants. Instead, true leadership emerged from a courageous 14-year-old girl.

On the other side are the Taliban, who understand the stakes perfectly. They shot Malala because girls' education threatens everything that they stand for. The greatest risk for violent extremists in Pakistan isn't U.S. drones. It's educated girls.

"This is not just Malala's war," a 19-year-old female student in Peshawar told me. "It is a war between two ideologies, between the light of education and darkness."

She said she was happy to be quoted by name. But after what happened to Malala, I don't dare put her at risk.

For those wanting to honor Malala's courage, there are excellent organizations building schools in Pakistan, such as Developments in Literacy (dil.org) and The Citizens Foundation (tcfusa.org). I've seen their schools and how they transform girls — and communities. One of my greatest frustrations when I travel to Pakistan is that I routinely spot extremist madrassas, or schools, financed by medieval misogynists from Saudi Arabia or elsewhere. They provide meals, free tuition and sometimes scholarships to lure boys — because their donors understand perfectly that education shapes countries.

In contrast, U.S. aid is mainly about supporting the Pakistani army. We have tripled aid to Pakistani education to \$170 million annually, and that's terrific. But that's less than one-tenth of our security aid to Pakistan.

In Malala's most recent email to a Times colleague, Adam Ellick, she wrote: "I want an access to the world of knowledge." The Taliban clearly understands the transformative power of girls' education. Do we? □

Jerry Seinfeld is still at home doing standup

JASON ZINOMAN

© 2012 New York Times

© 2012 New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — At the Beacon Theater two weeks ago, Jerry Seinfeld didn't walk to the microphone. He ran. After his meticulously paced trot, he froze in an action pose, then riffed on the challenge of simply going out to do something.

He began the pilot of his seminal television show, "Seinfeld," with a similar routine on that same subject. It detailed the laundry list of things one must do to go out, before pointing out that once you get there, all you want to do is leave.

"Wherever you are in life," he said then, "it's my feeling, you've got to go."

Wearing an expensive-looking suit and a plastic smile, Seinfeld, 58, is at an enviable place in life. He's rich, famous and respected. But for a comic who describes himself as being "born" in 1976, when he passed the audition for the Comic Strip club in Manhattan, the place he really needs to go remains the stage. You can tell as soon as he employs his signature singsongy cadence that he's at home.

Since "Seinfeld" ended, after nine seasons in 1998, Seinfeld has seemed less assured about where to go, dabbling in new forms, like an amiable, uninspired animated film ("Bee Movie") and a Web series. He directed Colin Quinn's solo show on Broadway and made an entertaining if not probing documentary about standup, "Comedian." As for his effort at a reality show, it remains a mystery why someone with the clout of Jerry Seinfeld would bother with "The Marriage Ref."

But he never stopped touring as a comic. While at Queens College in the 1970s Seinfeld wrote his thesis on standup comedy, and he heads back to Queens on Thursday for the third leg of his five-borough tour of New York.

His brand of accessible, refined observational humor largely defined 1980s com-

edy, but he is no longer as influential. If anything, his remote style and coolly impenetrable manner can seem anomalous in the current scene. There's nothing interestingly confessional or even revealing about his taut, carefully crafted jokes. In a landscape full of eccentric voices, his point of view can seem generic. His sarcasm has become slightly crankier as he's gotten older and his persona is an odd mix of friendly and superior. His comedy has the feel of a transaction. He delivers jokes, you laugh, everyone moves on. His strength remains his manipulation of language. Seinfeld delights in engaging in wordplay, mocking clichés ("We'll see what happens" and "not to the best of my knowledge" get worked over) and, of course, analyzing the mundane: socks, air travel, coffee. Walking through well-trod territory, he calls Facebook "the great trash receptacle of mankind." In a better vignette, he describes the dizzying options of our consumer culture by imagining staring at a wall of drinks in a store: "I'm trying to figure out who am I, where I am at, and what do I want to be?"

His act is surprisingly physical. When he does an impression of every woman's impression of every man, he stiffens his back and flattens his face. In a gag about walking down an aisle, he shuffles his feet like James Brown in slow motion. In an impression of a woman reading Brides magazine, he pops his eyes out maniacally. There's a touch of Jerry Lewis in this version of Jerry Seinfeld.

The only time his generally annoyed tone displayed a hint of anger was when he invited the audience to ask questions. In Seinfeld's show Thursday in the Bronx, an audience member shouted that he told some of the same jokes the previous week in Manhattan. I saw both shows and they actually had plenty of different material, but Seinfeld does not throw away entire shows of ma-

terial. His act blends new and familiar hits just like the Rolling Stones do. And there's a similar nostalgic appeal. Some of his jokes will remind you of his work in "Seinfeld." Others may make you re-evaluate it.

The star of a collaborative hit show whose name is in

he has made no projects that approach that sitcom's inventiveness or hilarity, Larry David, who created the show with him and wrote many of its best and most ambitious episodes ("The Contest," "The Puffy Shirt," "The Finale"), built another classic comedy,

ishness, for instance, that is the subtext of much of "Seinfeld" becomes the text of "Curb." The difference in the comics' sensibility was apparent earlier from the "Seinfeld" episodes that David wrote by himself. They tended to be more ambitiously irreverent and abrasively funny. "Revenge," an episode from the second season, was inspired by David's experience quitting the writing staff at "Saturday Night Live." It began with George, a character modeled after David, screaming at his boss and quitting his job. He later conspires with Elaine to drug his boss' drink in an act of gleefully unapologetic vengeance. David shares Seinfeld's love of obsessing over the mundane details of life, but he also seems willing to go anywhere for a big laugh. Seinfeld has always been a more cautious, firmly mainstream performer. He has a clean act. He doesn't look to shock or challenge the audience. He keeps his targets small and consistent. By rejecting topical humor, he doesn't really have to update jokes that much. The difference between beds and chairs has no expiration date.

Even big developments in Seinfeld's personal life, like getting married and having children, have not substantially altered his act. At the Beacon, Seinfeld's portrait of a father as a clueless supporting player is pretty much the same as his immature single-guy persona. Still, his jokes about family are elegantly constructed. "I didn't know every day I would be discussing the tone of my voice," he said, exasperated. "I thought it was a marriage. Apparently it's a musical."

He seems more passionate about the mechanics of comedy than the reality of the world, and since comedy changes less than the world does, his material reflects that. His standup resembles the Pop-Tarts he obsesses over: impersonal, reliable, never stale or fresh. It's comedy as comfort food. □



Jerry Seinfeld performs at the Beacon Theater in New York, Oct. 4, 2012. Seinfeld is in the midst of a new stand-up comedy tour. (Richard Perry/The New York Times)

the title usually gets more than his share of credit. But there is a comedy-nerd debate about how much the success of "Seinfeld" was because of Seinfeld. While

"Curb Your Enthusiasm." That HBO show is structurally similar, albeit darker, looser and more uncompromisingly concrete in its perspective. The Jew-